PROTECTING FOSTER YOUTH IN THE STATE BUDGET

Coalition to Restore Proposed Cuts to Housing Support Programs
Agenda

- Budget Stage & Status
- Remaining Action Steps
- Discussion
Main Budget Bill Passed Legislature

Rejects cuts to:
- Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program
- Family Urgent Response System
- Foster caregiver approvals
- Emergency Child Care Bridge Program
- Middle Class Scholarship benefiting low-income students
- Various CalWORKs programming
- Bringing Families Home (partial)

Appropriates add’l funding for:
- $1 billion for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program
- Advances a phased-in approach to reforming the Cal Grant program
Legislature passed main budget bill (AB 107) on June 13\textsuperscript{th}; bill presented to Governor on June 15\textsuperscript{th}
- Represents the Legislature’s priorities in their negotiations with the Governor.
- Governor must sign by June 27\textsuperscript{th}.

Legislature will likely pass a “budget bill jr.”
- Will amend main budget bill based on negotiations with Governor.
- Once Governor signs (no later than 12 days of receiving it), together these budget bills represent the final budget.

Legislature will pass several omnibus bills (“budget trailer bills”)
- These make the statutory changes need to implement the budget (i.e. provide written details and policy on how the money is spent).
- Will likely continue into early July.
Action for this Week

EMAILS & PHONE CALLS TO THE GOVERNOR

See this guide: https://tinyurl.com/contact-gov

Provides instructions for contacting the Governor’s Office, including script for calls and emails.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We CAN prevent homelessness among youth leaving CA’s foster care system. The $13.7M Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program is preserved in the Legislature’s budget bill, AB 107. Let’s keep this critical investment in the final 2024/25 state budget! @CAgovernor @GavinNewsom

Social Media Toolkit: https://tinyurl.com/FYcoalition-social-media
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