

# 2021-22 Governor's Budget

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#### California's Economic Outlook

- Revenues have dramatically improved
  \$158B (up \$29B from 2020 Budget Act)
- 8.2% unemployment rate, down from 16.4%
  - However, 4M Californians still receiving UI benefits
  - Less than half of jobs lost since Feb recovered

#### **Budget Structure**

- Total expenditures—\$227B (\$165B General Fund)
- One-time surplus—\$15B
- Building budgetary resiliency
  - Total reserves—\$22B
  - Additional state retirement liabilities paid—\$3B (about \$6.5B over the next 3 years)
  - Scheduled program suspensions delayed—\$2B
- Out-year operating deficits

### Budget Projects Surplus, But Future Shortfalls Projected



#### **Recession's Impacts**

#### Improved revenue picture attributable to:

- Less severe economic downturn than expected
- Unequal spread of wage losses.
- Strong stock market performance
- Disproportionate impacts on low-income individuals/families
- Budget supports direct COVID-19 response costs, immediate relief for individuals and businesses, and job creation to expedite recovery

#### **COVID-19 Direct Response Cost Estimates**

#### Budget prioritizes emergency response (over \$4B)

- Vaccines
- Testing
- Contact tracing
- Food banks
- Community engagement
- State operations—corrections and rehabilitations

#### **Immediate Budget Action**

Safely Reopen Schools and Immediately Provide Relief to Individuals and Small Businesses

- Safely Reopen Schools (\$2B)—Prioritize in-person instruction
- Golden State Stimulus (\$2.4B)—One-time \$600 tax refund to low-income households
- Small Business Grants (\$575M)
- Fee Waivers (\$70M)
- \$2.6B federal relief funds and eviction moratorium extension

## Budget Prioritizes Job Creation to Expedite Recovery

- California Jobs Initiative [\$778M total/of which \$388M is being requested for Early Action (EA)]
  - CalCompetes credits and grants (\$430M)
  - Small business tax credits, grants/micro-grants, loans (\$247.5M)
  - Alternative energy sales tax exclusion (\$100M)
- Infill infrastructure grants (\$500M/\$250M EA) projects leading to long-term housing development.

#### **More Job Creation**

#### Zero-emission vehicles package (\$1.5B/\$239M EA)

- \$1B securitization of future vehicle registration fees for construction of charging stations
- \$465M for incentives to improve access to ZEV
- Wildfire and forest resiliency package (\$1B/\$323M EA)—for projects that mitigate wildfire risks
  - Forest management
  - Secure fuel breaks
  - Home hardening

#### **Workforce Development**

- Improving linkages between higher education institutions and employers (\$250M)
- Higher Education (\$78M)
  - Apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities
- High Roads Training Programs (\$25M EA)
  - Construction, Forestry and Agriculture, Healthcare
    Trade and Logistics, IT
  - Resulting in 2,200 jobs

#### **Education**—**Proposition 98**

- Proposition 98 funding (\$85.8B)—highest level ever
- Cost of living adjustment (\$2B)—fully funds LCFF target levels
- Majority of K-12 deferrals paid (\$9.2B)—of \$12.9B
- Additional non-Proposition 98 General Fund investments (\$3.4B)
  - Supplemental payment—\$2.3B
  - Retirement contribution rate buy down—\$1.1B

### **Extended Learning Time**

- \$4.6B to address pandemic's impacts on student learning
- Targeted interventions—such as community learning hubs, summer school programs, and before and after school wrap around services
- Request early action to allow time for districts to plan for these interventions

#### **Higher Education**

- California Community Colleges (\$111M cost of living adj)
  - Emergency financial aid (\$250M)
  - Basic needs support (\$100M)
- CSU and UC (3% base increase)
  - CSU:\$200M ongoing/\$225 one-time
  - UC: \$136M ongoing/\$225M one-time
  - Both segments must maintain resident undergrad tuition/fees at current levels and reduce equity gaps
- Financial Aid (\$35M)—9,000 additional Competitive Cal Grants

#### Homelessness

- \$1.75B in grants to local jurisdictions to acquire housing
  - \$750M/\$250M EA—housing for people experiencing homelessness (Homekey)
  - \$750M—housing to expand community continuum of care treatment resources for those with acute behavioral health needs
  - \$250M—housing for vulnerable seniors, such as Adult Residential Care Facilities/Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

### Health

- Continue to support health care affordability— Office of Healthcare Affordability
- Student mental health (\$450M)
- CalAIM (\$1.1B)—transform delivery system to better connect Medi-Cal beneficiaries to services they need
- Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) (\$233M) streamline services to felony ISTs at local level to drive improved outcomes for those with serious mental illness

#### **Climate and Environmental Protection**

- Cap and Trade Plan (\$1.4B/\$624M EA)—advance state's priorities on environmental justice, clean air, and water
- Toxic Sites Clean Up (\$331M)—accelerate clean up of contaminated properties in impacted communities using health-based criteria
- Integrated Pest Management (\$38M)—facilitate transition away from harmful pesticides
  - Replaces flat-fee mill assessment on pesticides sales with tiered assessment based on toxicity