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<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Disability-activists-protest-budget-that-leaves-6333700.php>

## **Disability activists protest budget that leaves out funding**

**By Julia Horowitz**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The announcement of a California budget deal has not stopped pleas for the state to spend more on social services, as advocates for people with disabilities came to the state Capitol Wednesday, angry after additional funding for services was left out of the \$115.4 billion deal.

The 2015-16 budget proposal from Gov. Jerry Brown and legislative Democrats allocates \$3.5 billion from the state's general fund for developmental disabilities services, a \$387 million increase over last year.

But Dwight Hansen, a lobbyist for developmental disabilities group The Lanterman Coalition, said the increase is only to accommodate a growing number of people in the system, while funding for institutions and programs remains the same.

It was a deep snub to people with disabilities and those who care for them after the Assembly and Senate had included nearly \$63 million in their approved budgets to pay for programs such as assisted care that helps people with disabilities stay in their homes.

"People are just desperate," Hansen said. "I've never seen this level of desperation before."

Democrats in both houses of the Legislature sought to spend more on social welfare programs in the fiscal year that begins July 1, but Brown held firm against expanding many programs and relied on a lower projection for how much tax revenue the state will bring in.

Among the other legislative proposals that did not make the cut were \$103 million to eliminate a cap on state welfare payments for low-income women who have more children and \$82 million in higher payments for providers in Medi-Cal, the state's health insurance program for the poor.

Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, and Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León, D-Los Angeles, addressed the discrepancy in a joint statement Wednesday, saying funding may still be available and will be considered in a special session on the budget.

Legislative Republicans have also supported funding increases.

Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, and Assemblyman Tom Lackey, R-Palmdale, met with activists outside the Capitol Wednesday, saying they would fight for additional money when budget talks resume.

"These people were left out in the cold," Grove said.



All photos: Rich Pedroncelli, AP

## Capitol Public Radio

June 17, 2015

<http://www.caprado.org/articles/2015/06/17/advocates-for-developmentally-disabled-furious-over-budget/>

### Advocates for Developmentally Disabled Furious Over Budget

By Katie Orr (916) 278-8900

Advocates for the developmentally disabled are furious after being left out of this year's California budget deal. They held a tense rally at the Capitol Wednesday.

It wasn't the largest protest the Capitol's seen, but it was loud. Dozens of protesters blew horns, rang bells and beat trash can lids as they rallied for caretakers of the developmentally disabled in California. A \$100 million dollar provider rate increase proposed by the legislature was left out of the final budget agreement with Governor Jerry Brown. And the protesters were furious.

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Jacquie Dillard-Foss works with the developmentally disabled and led the protest.

"And we're saying we're done," she says. "We're polite, we're respectful, we show up, we testify and to hear there was a deal made without us," she says.

Advocates say it's been about 15 years since providers have received a rate increase. Brown has said the issue should be addressed as part of a special legislative session on health care financing. And Democratic Assemblyman Tony Thurmond says that puts the protestors in a unique spot.

"That's actually a great position for the advocates to place their concerns," he says. "You know, a lot of groups didn't get what they wanted and that's it. There's no special session for them."

But protesters weren't satisfied with a special session. They attempted to stage a sit-in in front of Brown's office but were blocked from entering the Capitol.

Senator Jim Beall has proposed a ten percent provider rate increase. More than 60 lawmakers have signed a letter backing the proposal. Beall says close to 500 group homes have closed since 2011 and more may follow.

"We need to do something quickly in the special session to get some increase because at this point many of these group homes just can't afford to continue to operate," he says.

Leaders of the Senate and Assembly say they're committed to using the special session to pass a rate increase.



**Los Angeles Daily News  
June 17, 2015**

<http://www.dailynews.com/government-and-politics/20150617/gov-jerry-brown-calls-for-special-session-to-discuss-funding-for-developmental-disability-programs>

**Gov. Jerry Brown calls for special session to discuss funding for developmental disability programs**

**By Susan Abram (susan.abram@dailynews.com 818-713-3883)**

California's new budget included no extra funds for programs for those with developmental disabilities, but Gov. Jerry Brown has called for a special session Friday to discuss options on how the state could raise that money. The call for a special session was made Tuesday after Brown and legislative leaders reached an agreement on a \$115.4 billion budget that included \$40 million for first-in-the-nation health care coverage specifically for children in the country illegally, \$265 million to fund 13,800 additional preschool and child care slots and \$97 million over January's budget for the California State University to expand enrollment.

But missing from the allocations was additional funding introduced by the State Budget Conference Committee last week, which would have gone toward work training, day programs and other services for those with developmental disabilities.

The committee had agreed on including a 5 percent rate increase, effective July 1, that would have funded Supported Living Services, In-Home Respite Services and Supported Employment Services for the developmentally

disabled. In addition, there would have been a 2.5 percent across-the-board rate increase for all provider categories beginning in January, among other adjustments.

"We are very disappointed that the governor and the Legislature did not include funding to stabilize the developmental services system as the system is on the brink of collapse," said Eileen Richey, executive director for the Association of Regional Center Agencies, which released a report earlier this year called "On the Brink of Collapse."

The authors found that the Golden State spends the least in the nation on people with developmental disabilities but has some of the highest caseload ratios in the country. One survey found that 435 beds have been lost due to program shutdowns and 1,300 day programs and work options have been lost.

"Our system is in crisis, and 280,000 persons with developmental disabilities depend on the governor and Legislature to ensure that they have needed services," Richey said.

Those who work with people with developmental disabilities say since the 2007 recession, when \$1 billion in state money was reduced, funding for programs that provide job training and skills to 280,000 Californians has remained stagnant at a time when caseloads have increased.

That stagnation has caused some programs and services to close, including those at New Horizons, the San Fernando Valley's oldest social services agency of its kind.

In a joint statement released on Wednesday, Assembly Speaker Toni G. Atkins, D-San Diego, and Senate President Pro Tem Kevin De Leon, D-Los Angeles, said they plan to continue championing some sort of funding.

"Our commitment has not changed, only the venue," read the statement. Friday's special session focuses on health care. Brown and lawmakers are expected to discuss how to sustain costs for Medi-Cal and ways to increase funding for developmental disability services, among other topics.

**Whittier Daily News ((562) 698-0955)**

**June 17, 2015**

**<http://www.whittierdailynews.com/social-affairs/20150617/coalition-for-developmentally-disabled-rallies-for-funding-at-whittier-city-hall>**

**Coalition for developmentally disabled rallies for funding at Whittier City Hall**

The state's new \$115 billion budget has a lot of dollars in it, but not enough for people in the business of serving the state's developmentally disabled population.

At least not the people who rallied at Whittier City Hall on Tuesday night. **Members of the Lanterman Coalition — a group that advocates for such services — marched with signs that said "No More Broken Promises" and "Governor Brown Do the Right Thing."**

The coalition wanted more funding, which its president and members thought would be coming in the new state budget deal announced Tuesday, they said.

It didn't, said Tony Anderson, president of the Sacramento-based coalition that brings together labor and service providers.

"They're at the point where they can't do it anymore," Anderson said of many community nonprofits, struggling to have enough funding to serve the developmentally disabled.



## Capitol Morning Report

June 18, 2015

<http://www.capitolmr.com/archivereport.asp?PublishDate=6/18/2015>

The volume dial for Capitol activities was turned up a bit yesterday. **The morning began with a noisy march by members of the Lanterman Coalition who were protesting for more funding for the developmentally disabled. Members of their group, many in wheelchairs, paraded along L Street banging trash can lids and ringing cow bells.** They made such a ruckus that workers setting up for the Comcast scholarship awards ceremony on the North Lawn at noon worried aloud about their event being interrupted. The Lanterman crowd attempted to bring their march inside through the North Entrance but CHP officers blocked the doors. Asm. Tony Thurmond and Sen. Jim Beall urged the protestors to be patient, but one protestor said, "If we keep quiet, they'll keep ignoring us." They did quiet down, though, and

rested in the shade of nearby redwood trees as the Comcast event, which was being televised, began about 20-feet away. Meanwhile, there were sounds of a harmonious sort emanating from the west side as the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera performed a promotional concert on the Capitol steps during the lunch hour. Audience members and passersby were welcome to serve as guest conductors and several tourists and Capitol types did. City Manager John Shirey was one of the first conductors. Adam Sartain, an analyst in the Treasurer's Office, conducted as well. "I loved it," he said. And he should. He graduated from UC Davis with a BA in music. Conductors, who also included Victoria Harris from Asm. Kevin McCarty's office, were able to choose from three pieces. Apparently Beethoven's Ode to Joy was either the easiest to conduct or just a favorite because it was chosen again and again and again. Nevertheless the sounds were sweet and McCarty, a long-time supporter of the orchestra, thanked the musicians for bringing song to the Capitol. He said several of his colleagues had opened their windows on the floors above to better hear the show. Contact: morningreport@capitolmr.com.

## **Sacramento Bee**

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/gov-jerry-brown/article25040872.html>

**June 19, 2015**

### **California governors tend to win state budget fights**

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León, defending a more expansive state spending plan than Gov. Jerry Brown would allow, sermonized earlier this week on the Senate floor about the power of the Legislature.

"We don't treat whoever occupies executive office ... as a deity," he said.

"This is a coequal branch of government."

But the budget agreement announced the next day – and passed by lawmakers on Friday – laid bare how overmatched the Democratic-controlled Legislature stands in spending talks with a governor of its own party.

Though lawmakers secured significant spending increases for education and health care, the \$115.4 billion general fund plan largely preserves the lower overall spending levels Brown proposed, as well as his more conservative revenue estimates.

At the news conference announcing the agreement, the governor was asked, "How were you able to get them to blink?"

The outcome reflected a political dynamic fixed for years in California budget talks: For as much as lawmakers demand, it is the governor who holds greater leverage in negotiations. He wields the power of a line-item veto. "Governors virtually always get what they want," said Steve Merksamer, who was Republican Gov. George Deukmejian's chief of staff. "The governor, at the end of the day, wields the ultimate authority because he has the blue pencil (veto), and he can knock out programs that he thinks are over-funded."

Brown, a fourth-term governor with favorable public approval ratings and a well-funded campaign account, asserted himself in budget talks in 2011, when he issued what was believed to be an unprecedented budget veto. Negotiations have become less rancorous in years since. This year, by working within Brown's overall spending framework, legislative Democrats successfully prodded Brown to agree to funding increases for preschool and college education and to expand Medi-Cal coverage to 170,000 undocumented children starting in May 2016.

Though total general fund spending came in only about \$61 million higher than Brown proposed, a series of budget shifts allowed lawmakers and the governor to free up money already in Brown's plan. The administration recalculated expenses in Medi-Cal and a college scholarship program, finding a total of \$257 million.

On Friday, de León said lawmakers had made "unprecedented gains" in child care and education.

Yet Brown forced lawmakers to abandon proposals to eliminate a cap on welfare-to-work payments and to fund a rate increase for caretakers of developmentally disabled people, among other measures.

"Our realities are you can't always get what you want or what we need, given the limited resources that we have," de León said. "However, we live to fight for another day."

At a rally outside the Capitol on Wednesday, Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, lamented that disabled people "don't have a political action committee, they don't give money to candidates ... there's no high-priced lobbyists running around lobbying for them" during budget deliberations.

Asked why the Legislature conceded to Brown on funding, Beall said, "I don't know. He's very steadfast in his refusal to increase spending."

Brown and lawmakers often fought over spending when Brown was governor before, from 1975 to 1983, including a legislative override when he vetoed a pay raise for state employees.

In contrast, by collaborating with Brown, lawmakers gain more certainty for the program funding they manage to include in their budgets. Last year, Brown's line-item vetoes totaled only about \$38 million, mostly for technical fixes in the budget legislation.

The budget agreement approved Friday won support from some Senate Republicans, while one Senate Democrat, Holly Mitchell, refused to vote on the plan. Mitchell of Los Angeles said the budget did too little to help people living in poverty.

In the lower house, the budget bill passed almost entirely along party lines, with every Republican except for Rocky Chávez of Oceanside voting against it.

Democrats in the Legislature passed a more expansive spending plan on Monday, knowing Brown would not accept it but racing to meet a June 15 deadline or give up pay.

"I was frankly surprised that they did give in so early, and for so little," said Jeff Cummins, a political science professor at California State University, Fresno.

However, Cummins said, "they might come back later on with something that the Legislature wants" and that it is possible Brown has "signaled some willingness to do what they want" in other areas.

Brown this week called special sessions on health care funding, and roads and infrastructure, and lawmakers are still negotiating with Brown over millions of dollars in spending of revenue from cap and trade, money polluters pay to offset carbon emissions.

Legislative leaders successfully pushed back on Brown on a controversial proposal to exempt a range of drought-related projects from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the state's signature environmental law. Lawmakers on Friday rejected broader language proposed by the administration, limiting the kind of projects eligible for exemptions.

Former Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, a Sacramento Democrat who negotiated budgets with both Brown and his predecessor, Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, recalled going into budget talks with pressure from constituents and rank-and-file lawmakers to advocate for myriad spending increases, while "knowing that in the end you're going to negotiate for three or four hundred million dollars" on top of the governor's proposal. Steinberg said the Legislature's achievements in years following the recession should be judged collectively, as program expansions negotiated

one year typically enjoy ongoing funding even as lawmakers obtain new spending commitments in other areas.

"It's so easy to forget how difficult these budgets were a mere five, six years ago," Steinberg said. "It's easy to take for granted that we've worked through the hard times and are living in better times, so the fights now – these are good fights to have."

**Los Angeles Times, June 19, 2015**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/political/la-me-pc-california-legislature-budget-vote-20150618-story.html>

**Legislature approves revised budget, sends it to Gov. Jerry Brown**  
**By CHRIS MEGERIAN AND PATRICK MCGREEVY**

California lawmakers passed a new budget Friday that would increase spending on government services for the poor and make a range of policy changes intended to address the drought and improve police accountability. The changes would allow faster construction of water recycling projects, increase fines for water wasters and empower the state to force failing water agencies to consolidate. It would also create a pilot program to equip California Highway Patrol officers with body cameras.

The budget, which includes total state spending of \$167.6 billion, now goes to Gov. Jerry Brown for his signature before it takes effect on July 1.

Although Brown could veto items he doesn't like, the spending plan is the product of negotiations between the governor and top Democratic lawmakers, and it modifies a blueprint approved by the Legislature on Monday.

The earlier plan included \$2.2 billion more spending than Brown wanted, and the revised budget hews much closer to the framework he outlined in his original proposal.

However, some adjustments were made in the \$115.4-billion general fund to free up additional money sought by Democratic lawmakers for child care, dental care and state universities. The budget also would fund public healthcare for immigrant children who are in the country illegally.

"There is much to be proud of," said Senate Budget Chairman Mark Leno (D-San Francisco). "Yes, there is much to be disappointed about as well. But that is the process."

The budget was opposed by almost all Republicans in the Assembly, but there was more bipartisan support in the Senate.

"I think we have made a step here for a responsible budget," said state Sen. Jim Nielsen (R-Gerber).

Some of the strongest criticism came from Democrats, who wanted more funding for government services and chafed at the spending limits forced by Brown.

"We have a final budget that's a crime," said Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose). Sen. Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles) withheld her vote, the only Democrat to do so.

"It continues to ignore the most vulnerable in our state," she said. "We continue to say next year, next year, next year. I'm not sure the next year will come."

More issues involving funding for transportation and public healthcare need to be worked out in special legislative sessions called by Brown. **Democratic lawmakers said they planned to seek additional funding for programs for the developmentally disabled.**

**"Our realities are you can't always get what you want or need given the limited resources that we have," said Senate leader Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles).**

Besides the budget itself, a range of related bills also were passed on Friday. The legislation included proposals involving the drought, such as new fines for water wasters. The first penalty is capped at \$1,000, lower than Brown originally wanted, but could eventually rise as high as \$10,000.

One of the most hotly debated issues involved the proposal to allow the state to force the consolidation of certain water agencies.

Assembly Republican Leader Kristin Olsen of Modesto called it a "horrible bill." Sen. Jeff Stone (R-Temecula) described the proposal as "nothing more than a state coup on water districts."

Democrats said the bill is necessary to help state officials step in when disadvantaged communities suffer a chronic lack of drinking water.

"This is very, very limited," said Assemblyman Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica).

Another budget-related bill asks the California Highway Patrol to develop a pilot program for officers to wear body cameras.

"This technology is so new that I think some departments want to implement it, see how it works and based on that experience and that evidence, we're able to have a more informed policy discussion on what should be a statewide standard," said Assemblyman Luis Alejo (D-Watsonville).

Nielsen opposed the body camera bill, saying it requires more study.

"We're going to lose officers because of that moment of hesitation because they are worried about the cameras," he said.

### **TV News Coverage**

**KABC-LA (ABC) - Los Angeles, CA**

**Eyewitness News 11PM**

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=631f7c5a-494d-4499-9d11-5fd1e54a5d51>

**\*No public link available**

**+ Local Market Viewership: 192,155**

**Local Publicity Value: \$19,783.68per 30s**

**KABC 6/17/2015 11:09:18 PM:**

The advocates for the developmentally disabled are also frustrated. Some blocked access to the capital in Sacramento and others protested in downtown Los Angeles. They say they are not following through on a promise. >> It is not morally acceptable to not care for those who cannot care for themselves. >> A foundation helps the developmentally disabled integrate into the workforce. >> We do not have the political muscle and the leverage and our voices are not heard in Sacramento. >> There is one more chance for the voices to be heard. Governor brown is hosting a session of the legislature to discuss health care and more funding for the developmentally disabled. Reporting live tonight, Alex Michelson

**XETV-SD (CW) - San Diego, CA**

**San Diego 6 News at 10pm**

**+ Local Market Viewership: 6,358**

**Local Publicity Value: \$1,049.40per 30s**

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=f73b2ef6-e331-46f4-91f9-978863b88683>

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**XETV 6/17/2015 10:37:56 PM:**

Outraged over California's ate budget deal, those with developmental disabilities and family members took to the streets of downtown san Diego. Diego. Governor jerry brown just approved a budget that leaves out funding for developmentally disabled Californians. The group of protesters rallied outside assembly speaker Toni Atkins' office. Some held signs that read, "Keep the promise." They're asking legislators to keep their promise and protect people who can't protect themselves. 24:19:08 mark Klaus/president

ceo home of guiding hands: what I want them to get is that services to some of our state's most needy population are important and there needs to be adequate funding to support these individuals." individuals. "Protests similar to this one went on throughout the state including the state capitol. Some protesters were in tears as they learned of cuts to what they say would limit many critical programs.

**KUSI-SD - San Diego, CA**

**Good Morning San Diego at 5:00 a.m.**

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**\*No public link available**

**+ Local Market Viewership: 0**

**Local Publicity Value: \$141.48per 30s**

**KUSI 6/18/2015 5:15:45 AM:**

... Don't get paid enough. Justin I just think that we need to be somebody and we need to do this the right way. I will share your concerns and your strong message with the speaker. And.as members of this formerly silent and ignored population exhale, they can take pride in knowing their voices are being heard. There is still hope that something will be added to this year's budget. Toni Atkins released a statement this afternoon saying there is a special legislative session on healthcare scheduled for Friday... and they will talk about programs for the developmentally disabled in California.

**KGET (NBC) - Bakersfield, CA**

**17 News at 6**

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=3521ff72-a4c0-4739-90b6-60e895dc1fab>

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**+ Local Market Viewership: 21,539**

**Local Publicity Value: \$1,408.08per 30s**

**KUSI-SD - San Diego, CA**

**KUSI News at 11:00pm**

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=8a0692f4-9d1a-43f7-8341-de71301518f9>

**\*No public link available**

**+ Local Market Viewership: 10,488**

**Local Publicity Value: \$1,436.55per 30s**

**KUSI 6/17/2015 11:12:50 PM:** ...percent increase... the budget agreement included a zero percent increase. Toni Atkins released a statement this afternoon saying there is a special legislative session on healthcare scheduled for Friday... and they will talk about programs for the developmentally disabled in California.

**KGET 6/17/2015 6:17:24 PM:**

<http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=1315&DateTime=6/17/2015%206:17:24%20PM>

**\*No public link available**

...and we do not find it morally those who don't care for themselves. We need help. We need help deeper addressed in the special session. And that's why the state senate is going to our governor to increase the programs for the developmentally disabled. " Jim: there are an estimated 280-thousand people with developmental I disability living in California.

**Univision (U19) (Spanish channel)**

**June 18, 2015**

<http://beta.univision.com/sacramento/piden-mas-fondos-para-personas-con-discapacidad-video>

**Piden más fondos para personas con discapacidad [ENL: They call for more funds for people with disabilities]"**

**\*\*Video news coverage in link\*\***

**KUSI San Diego News 6**

**June 17, 2015**

<http://www.kusi.com/story/29347475/developmentally-disabled-san-diego-residents-protesting-against-lack-of-funds-in-new-budget>

SAN DIEGO (KUSI) - The California Legislature approved a new budget on Tuesday and Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins called it "the best budget we've seen in years." But one group said there is something very important missing. There are 280 thousand people with developmental disabilities in California. Twenty-four thousand of them are in San Diego County. Many are getting services that keep them active, happy and productive, but if there's no money, there will be no more services. And that, they say, is unacceptable. San Diegans with developmental disabilities said the governor did not deliver with this new budget deal.

They were promise funding for community homes and programs and those promises were broken. Most of the agencies and homes rely on state money for a good portion of their budgets. They have been asking for a 10 percent

increase, but the budget agreement included a zero percent increase. They're worried people will be put out on the street if there isn't any money to help them. Almost all people with Down Syndrome will get Alzheimer's Disease. The average life expectancy of something with Downs is 60 years. "One third of my population have Alzheimer's and we don't have any funding to deal with it on our own. We don't want to let go of them, we are building two new homes strictly for Alzheimer's but we've got to have that funding," said Molly Nocon, a San Diego resident. There is still hope that something will be added to this year's budget. Toni Atkins released a statement Wednesday afternoon, saying there is a special legislative session on healthcare scheduled for Friday and they will talk about programs for the developmentally disabled in California.

### **Radio News Coverage**

**KPCC-FM (Radio) - Los Angeles, CA**

**<http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=6460&DateTime=6/18/2015%206:30:34%20AM>**

**KPCC 6/18/2015 6:30:34 AM: (Mentioned seven times between June 17, 2015 at 7:06 AM and June 18, 2015 10:12 AM)**

...secretary Lew said the final choice that's still up to the federal government since the earliest advocates for the developmentally disabled are furious at being left out of this year's state budget deal on TV or says the holder really tense rally yesterday the largest protest the Capitals the idea how the protesters rallied for Khimki with the development of this evil in California of 100 million dollar provide only increase proposed by the legislature with blacked out a final budget agreement with Governor Jerry Brown and the protestors were Louis Jeff the deal buys works for developmentally disabled and that the boat had as they were glad I respect the views of the staff by any year that they would deal with that of advocates say it's been a tough 15 years since providers have received a rate increase Brown has said the issue should be addressed as proud of the special legislative session on health care fining unseen but protestors were unsatisfied they attempted to stage a sit in Inferno Brown's our best but when entering the capital of the Senate you Jim Dell has proposed a 10 % provided we increased he says close to 500 plants have closed since 2011 N.Y. me file what we need to do something quickly specials version that includes pictures of this point this group homes just can't afford to live leaders of the Senate and Assembly say they are committed to using a special session to pass the rate increase at the state Capitol I take your the PCC supporters include handing him library art collections and botanical gardens and new visitor's center is now open up

handing 10 with 6 acres of Mediterranean style or are planning a specialty car into a ladder Shuck ended what had been a sweeping view of the offer range of experience that can store more and new visitor's center handing him a tap or honey do I really haven't seen handing him lately you have the seen handing 10 the SEC votes today on a program that would make it easier for low income households to get Bryant then entered service Jusco Gonzalez is with the National Hispanic Media Coalition 80 % of fortune 500 companies are accepting job applications on your mind in the next generation aide added 10 jobs will required digital literacy skills our kids are taking standardized ...

**KFBK-AM (Radio) - Sacramento, CA**

**KFBK 6/17/2015 4:37:13 PM: (Updated two times between June 17, 2015 at 4:37 PM and June 18, 2015 at 6:36 PM**

...a group of about 50 the bell mentally disabled adults to sit in at the state Capitol we did nothing in the when the best record in the league have a lot and again and again the as the European debt two sources a dozen of them were inside although because the state budget hasn't raised their funds in over a decade in which this has happened on that day we were back yet again for the 15 responses without resources for developmentally disabled adults we can expect more home was more crime and more people without new medication assembly member Tom Lackey pledged his support to non speaking as loud as I can for this group of people who deserve better support the agony the kiddie all that he saved his freshman status for now pledging dollar amount towards the development League this Report Okay thank you Jeff and never did any use the Word Redskins is a mask up for school teams in California's moving forward there's States and in education committees passed a Bill that would than Redskins from being used as a mask for our public schools statewide support is the bills the Redskins is a dictionary defines racial smaller should be eliminated from of what you said respect from native Americans and bills then they come as U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan the council latest national figure to call on the Washington Redskins Pro football team to officially changed its name for similar reasons 4 36 am visited Texas parents is that 30 new order to drive them home after a night of drinking may see the couple lied to their two children do Bahrain are still too drunk to drive on the left with his car police after seeing their mistake Kupchak running stoplights and then moving on a highway Most 30 Miles an hour or so then posted 70 Miles an hour speed

limit appearance that same receivable of dollar drive the inning and then get behind will themselves they were arrested on felony child endangerment charges coming up by sea was Heidi's history for years Eugen Scully has any missing or him that come up barn is really okay if it of the traffic jam for the Republican presidential campaign has been counting on to appear and on newsreel he believed the time he did with the news that Well thank him and what it takes to win one FEMA came 15 30 p.m. toward put to rest for identity theft maybe bank Arnwine maybe go to the doctor or banks and help insurers can be susceptible to breaches of your private information ever give our resources securing number or deliberate of at risk in the news and information get also drawing your began retirement accounts and that's why in this day and age you need a wife while ultimate Plus I don't need ...

### **Capital Public Radio - Sacramento, CA**

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**KXJZ-FM 6/17/2015 5:55:31 AM: (Updated six times between June 17, 2015 at 4:07 PM and June 18, 2015 at 9:05 AM)**

...the governor also agreed this slight increases and higher education funding and a modified version of democratic lawmaker demands for more child care and preschool services for the working poor but they failed again Brown to increase welfare assistance or funding for the developmentally disabled it was as good a deal as wide as waders were going gets seemed to be the message from assembly speaker Toni Atkins wheeling get everything we wanted accomplished in this budget will redouble our efforts in future budget deliberations both houses of the legislature could formally approve the budget deal as soon as Friday the Gulf War report and John Myers in Sacramento as he did after was then does the fish we raise its minimum wage to 15 dollars an hour over the next 5 years LA County is considering an identical pay hike for workers in unincorporated areas that about 390000 people to provide fewer cure introduce the measure yesterday the Fact that many panicked residents despite working full time earns too little in wages to cover even their bare necessities such as housing healthy food adequate with the basic medical care is intolerable any candidate values we need a warrant supervisors that the bidding that next week and this week a medical school hole for the IRS's trying to get their scores back from the empty had these are the first students to take the medical college admissions test into the inner compass we week overhauled of reports on the poor people the

musty explained what's new it T minus for decent with the Hyundai and Travis Driscoll is practically all living at his staff authors of the vocal or transfer as fortunate he's that kind of chemistry church to take a while and then difference of rebels might was as close as he also has a thick her book and thank who cheat and from theology from for when the members of the society eventually become indistinguishable from the rest of society and often owing Woods norms and Customs which prices to record this is the new and tapped the test is now a wee hours longer and includes a whole new section on the edge in physiology testing is now have a limited questions about how we spend a fact health India's groupthink if Daschle in a diverse state like California and hack administrators one make sure that dark prison tomorrow or appear prepared to care for patients who don't look like that with p.m. the Somalis can get Scott steadied biomedical engineering in college the for him the new Saxo section is the one he's most nervous about it the And the to Earth which makes it ...

**KCRW-FM (Radio) - Los Angeles, CA**

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...food and energy sectors without malice one 10th of a % in May while street chain has a live weight now the Dow was up 135 points 18070 Wind net debt is ahead by 4 reaching . 51 No. 7 and the S&P 500 is up 13 points at 21 the routine this is NPR good morning at 7 oh 4 or 9 jury weighs with key Sierra doubling you advocates for the developmentally disabled make their voices heard in Sacramento yesterday they were furious after a proposed rate increase for care providers for the debris of a developmentally disabled whistle laughed out of the state budget agreement protesters rallied in from a state cap on oil Friday get into the building to hold a sit in but they were wire act I want force at the rate increase will be addressed as part of the special legislative session Gov. Jerry Brown has called to discuss health care financing in democratic Assemblyman Tony term answers that puts the protesters any unique sparked as Shui in a weak position for the added his voice their concerns the two groups India with the N.S.A. there is no special session for their reviews of the Center NASA ways say but Friday's a special session to has to provide your weight increase I Bill being considered by the state legislature would require public schools in the state with Redskins there's the sportsmen start up or team nickname to find a new name please

hear that is our time our seniors and store sports teams using the nickname Redskins are coming under growing pressure to and then in the name that includes the NFL's Washington Redskins and local schools across the country because Americans say the term as offensive the Bill passed the Senate Education Committee yesterday after passing the assembly earlier this year state senator Mardi block spoke in support of the bill and cattle press conference following the vote how the people in the school the Fed I don't think the race that I don't think any higher by death It Is a tradition in their desperate With the provision that NAFTA's gap were living in 2015 and 18 15 no longer is this terminology locate the measure would apply to for California high schools in the Central Valley with the Redskins nickname it would phase out the use of the term Stirling 2017 the schools could continue using previously purchased uniforms if they change their name that provision will help schools avoid having to spend thousands of dollars on new gear for Caesarean of wheel and Avishai arts scientists the UC Irvine's the world's biggest our coffers are being drained and ...

**KQED-FM (Northern CA Public Radio), June 16, 2015**

<http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2015/06/16/california-budget-deal-struck-governor-jerry-brown-concedes-little/>

**State Budget Deal Struck, Governor Brown Concedes Little**

**John Myers**

Calling the negotiations "difficult but productive," Gov. Jerry Brown and Democratic legislative leaders have unveiled a \$167.6 billion state budget, a plan that includes some adjustments demanded by legislators but is awfully close to a slam dunk for the governor's own fiscal priorities.

The deal announced Monday afternoon at the state Capitol paves the way for an enacted budget in plenty of time for the July 1 beginning of the state's new fiscal year, a rarity for most of the past two decades, but now a common occurrence since voters made legislative passage of a budget simpler by approving Proposition 25 in 2010. Legislative staffers said they expect final votes sometime on Friday.

Those votes will be on a budget that largely hews to the governor's demands, demonstrably different than the spending plan lawmakers endorsed only a day earlier.

*Preschool In, Developmental Services Funding Out*

Under the brokered deal, the state will expand access to preschool and childcare services by 13,800 slots. That's more than Brown had endorsed in

his revised budget in May (and financed from a number of pots of money, including some out of the K-14 education funding guarantee); but it's smaller than the 27,000 slots legislative Democrats had demanded in their own spending plan.

And it offers \$40 million for a high-profile effort to allow all children, regardless of their immigration status, health care coverage under the Medi-Cal plan. Legislative Democrats had wanted the coverage to kick in early in 2016; the compromise allows undocumented children into the system on May 1 of next year.

The deal also expands funding for the California State University and University of California systems beyond the governor's May budget — \$59 million more for CSU, \$25 million more for UC — but that money comes with strings attached, especially for UC officials who would have to add 5,000 in-state students by the summer of 2017 to get the cash.

Other highlights of the deal between the governor and legislative leaders include:

- \$226 million to restore a cut made several years ago to In-Home Supportive Services funding, but only for the 2016-17 budget year
- A \$500 million block grant to focus on teacher effectiveness, paid for out of the state's K-14 education funding guarantee
- A new state earned income tax credit to help the working poor, at a cost of \$380 million

But there was much more, it seemed, that the governor was unwilling to give legislative Democrats and to advocacy groups who wanted expanded social services. **Perhaps most notable was a boost in funding for the developmental disability programs and a boost in monthly cash stipends for the aged, blind and disabled.**

Also missing: additional money for families in the welfare assistance program, CalWORKs — including a legislative proposal to end the maximum family grant cap for families that have more children while receiving assistance.

"We have more work to do," said Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) in her remarks at the news conference with the governor and Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles). "We didn't get everything we wanted accomplished in this budget, and so we'll redouble our efforts."

*Special Legislative Sessions On Roads, Health Care*

Those efforts will now turn to special legislative sessions being called by the governor to address state infrastructure needs and to craft long-term

funding for health care services. Moving those items to a special session — and out of the budget — not only buys more time for negotiations, but also could put some political pressure on legislative Republicans. A number of GOP legislators expressed support for both policy needs during the budget debates this year, but would now be asked to approve new revenues to fund them.

#### *Governor Wins Tax Estimate Fight ... Again*

For Brown, the deal marks another milestone in his quest for state budget stability — stability brought on by a fascinating combination of an improving economy, new budget crafting rules approved by voters over the past few years, and the governor's unique ability to control the master political narrative in Sacramento.

It was, after all, Brown who vetoed the budget in his first go round on returning to the governor's office in 2011. Since then, he has won pretty much every budget fight, none more important than the debate over tax revenue projections.

The new budget agreement again relies on the estimates crafted by the governor's fiscal advisers, an estimate that's approximately \$2.2 billion smaller in size than the one favored by the Legislature. As such, the negotiated deal is less ambitious than the spending plan approved less than 24 hours earlier.

"If we start fiddling" with the system of predicting revenues, said Brown in the budget deal news conference, "we get subjective, political, and I'm not prepared to do that."

Brown's continued success in shrinking revenue expectations has meant fewer resources for social services and other non-mandated expenses. It's also allowed the governor to limit the use of "surplus" dollars each time that his predictions have been surpassed. Had Brown agreed, both this time and in previous years, to cementing the higher revenue estimates in the annual budget act, more of the money would have been funneled into ongoing commitments.

"Given the yo-yo quality of our finances," said the governor, "I think the steady consistency [of the Brown administration's economists] is a good idea."

**KQED-FM (Northern CA Public Radio), June 19, 2015**

**<http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2015/06/19/final-california-budget-goes-to-jerry-brown-but-not-without-some-anger-in-legislature/>**

## **Final State Budget Goes To Governor, But Not Without Some Anger**

### **John Myers**

With bipartisan cheers and jeers — and few believing it's actually the end of this year's debate — the Legislature has sent Gov. Jerry Brown a \$167.6 billion budget that reflects private concessions to the governor's insistence on more-cautious economic projections.

The final votes, four days after sending Brown a more ambitious plan and three days after the announcement of a compromise, ensure a fiscal plan in place well before the beginning of the state's new fiscal year on July 1.

"The nature of compromise is that no one gets everything that he or she wants, and that's what's before us," said state Sen. Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) in Friday's debate over the main amendments demanded by Brown.

In all, lawmakers said there were more than 100 changes to the 2015-16 budget approved by the Legislature on June 15. The most controversial were those that scale back or eliminate earlier spending decisions, a result of the Legislature abandoning tax revenue predictions that were \$3.1 billion higher than estimates made by the governor.

While the more conservative revenue projections sparked a handful of Republican votes on parts of the budget in both houses, they also led to grumbling from some Democrats who were unhappy about the governor's refusal to increase funding for social service programs.

State Sen. Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles), who had championed a boost to welfare assistance for low-income families, sat silently in her seat on the Senate floor when asked to vote on the main budget revision.

"We as a state will continue to make history as the state in the nation with the highest child poverty rate," she had said in an impassioned floor speech just minutes earlier. "I don't know how many of you are embarrassed or offended by that ... but the fact that there are 2 million California children who live in poverty, or deep poverty, is offensive to me."

Republicans, meantime, blasted the deal struck by Brown and legislative Democrats to provide environmental review fast-tracking for a handful of projects, from efforts to build a new arena for the NBA's Golden State Warriors in San Francisco to groundwater replenishment efforts, while ignoring other broader needs — specifically on the issue of the drought.

Others criticized the decision to remove new funding for developmental disability services, funding that would have gradually restored dollars that were cut during the depths of California's recession. Assembly Republicans

tried to reinsert those provisions during Friday's floor debate but were blocked by majority Democrats.

"It's shameful that we are using the developmentally disabled individuals as a pawn to raise taxes in a special session," said Assemblywoman Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield).

Grove's comment reflects that funding for developmental disabilities, as well as long-term funding for Medi-Cal services and state infrastructure needs, will all be heard in special legislative sessions that run concurrently with normal state Capitol business over the next two months. The governor said on Monday that those sessions should include discussions of how to find new tax dollars for those programs.

Even some Democrats were skeptical of clearing the high legislative hurdle for additional taxes to help fund developmental disability needs.

"We have a final budget that's a crime," said Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) in criticizing the lack of funding for those services.

### **Editorial Coverage**

**LA News Group (via Pasadena Star-News)**

**June 18, 2015**

<http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/opinion/20150618/an-opportunity-to-improve-lives-of-californians-with-developmental-disabilities-editorial>

**An opportunity to improve lives of Californians with developmental disabilities: Editorial**

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There's a great opportunity now for Sacramento to solve the system's problems, at this moment and for years to come.

In the state budget deal that Brown reached Tuesday with leaders of the state Senate and Assembly, Brown rejected the modest funding increase that had been proposed by the Legislature. This editorial board had halfheartedly endorsed the Legislature's plan, even though it fell far short of what actually is needed to restore fiscal health to the community that supports those with developmental disabilities.

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But the coalition has been calling for aid in three forms: the immediate 10 percent funding boost; a complete revamp of service rates and funding for regional center operations to make them sustainable, and annual 5 percent across-the-board funding increases until that revamp has been implemented.

It's the second prong, the revamp of state rates to make the system whole again, sustainably through the years, that's the crux of the matter. The 10 percent and 5 percent increase requests were just ways to buy time and keep the system from collapsing before it's fixed.

As we wrote three months ago, the system that supports roughly 280,000 individuals with developmental disabilities is in a crisis that few outside that community have been aware of. State support has been declining since the 1990s, and then things got much worse in the Great Recession when funding was slashed by more than \$1 billion. State reimbursement rates for services have remained essentially flat for two decades, while the costs to provide services have grown.

As a result, case loads have ballooned at the state's 21 regional centers that are responsible for managing services for those with developmental disabilities. Skills development and job training have largely given way to mere caretaking as fewer skilled professionals have been willing to work for minimum wage. Service vendors — providers of day and work programs, residential homes and the like — have curtailed their offerings or even closed their doors.



New Horizons client Susan Gross, talks about how much she has been helped by the North Hills nonprofit that serves special needs adults at an event on June 7, 2014. (Dean Musgrove/Los Angeles Daily News)

### **Long Beach Press Telegram**

**June 18, 2015**

<http://www.prestelegram.com/opinion/20150618/a-republican-the-best-choice-for-president-letters>

#### **Letters: Keeping the promise of the Lanterman Act**

**Marion Lieberman, Long Beach**

Re "Scaled-down funding hike for those with developmental disabilities needs Gov. Brown's OK" (Editorial, June 11):

My son has been a program participant at AR & C-Long Beach for the past 26 years, where he participates in meaningful paid work in the work activity center.

If his program were to close, he would end up sitting at home.

The legislative committee went from 10 percent across-the-board funding increase to 2.5 percent starting in January 2016.

They threw us a few crumbs; however, there is still the possibility that the governor will sweep them off the table with his veto. What a sad commentary on human caring.

The legislative analyst said there would be \$3.2 billion more revenue available for spending than the governor estimated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

Why can't the disabled be included in this windfall?

Programs for the disabled are in crisis mode with no increase in funding since 1999. Direct service employees have suffered wage freezes and reduced hours for the past eight years.

While your editorial asks the governor to OK the 2.5 percent increase, I am still supporting the 10 percent increase.

The money is there.

All we need is for the Legislature and governor to care about California's most vulnerable citizens and to keep the promise of the Lanterman Act.

**Contra Costa Times, June 22, 2015**

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/editorial/ci\\_28360952/contracosta-times-editorial-special-sessions-chance-get](http://www.contracostatimes.com/editorial/ci_28360952/contracosta-times-editorial-special-sessions-chance-get)

**Contra Costa Times editorial: Special sessions a chance to get priorities right**

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As a result, many of these individuals are no longer receiving levels of service that are federally mandated. That must change.

Legislators have the opportunity to improve the lives of 280,000 vulnerable Californians, plus the millions who love them, care for them and guide their development. Do not fumble this opportunity.

## **Blog Coverage**

### **California Healthline**

**June 18, 2015**

**<http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2015/6/18/advocates-for-developmentally-disabled-protest-budget-deal>**

### **Advocates for Developmentally Disabled Protest Budget Deal**

On Wednesday, advocates criticized California's recently announced budget deal for omitting money to increase provider rates for those who care for individuals with developmental disabilities, Capital Public Radio's "KXJZ News" reports (Orr, "KXJZ News," Capital Public Radio, 6/17).

#### *Background*

On Tuesday, California lawmakers and Gov. Jerry Brown (D) announced a \$115.4 billion budget deal with several health care implications (California Healthline, 6/17).

A budget plan proposed by the California Legislature originally included a hike in provider payment rates for community-based services for Californians with developmental disabilities (Gorn, California Healthline, 6/12). However, the \$100 million proposal was left out of the budget deal announced on Tuesday, "KXJZ News" reports ("KXJZ News," Capital Public Radio, 6/17).

State lawmakers likely will vote on the budget deal on Friday, and both the state Senate and Assembly are expected to approve the plan.

Brown also announced that he will schedule two special legislative sessions to address

Additional funding concerns related to the budget (California Healthline, 6/17)

#### *Details of Protest*

On Wednesday, advocates protested outside the state Capitol calling for funding to raise caregivers' pay.

According to "KXJZ News," those who provide community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities have not seen a rate increase in about 15 years.

Jacque Dillard-Foss, a provider who works with individuals with developmental disabilities and led the protest, said that "to hear there was a deal made without us ... we're done."

#### *Rate Increases Could Be Discussed in Special Session*

According to "KXJZ News," Brown has said that rate increases for providers who care for individuals with developmental disabilities should be considered during one of the special legislative sessions.

State Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose), who has proposed a 10% rate increase for such providers, said, "We need to do something quickly in the special session to get some increase, because at this point, many of these group homes just can't afford to continue to operate.

Meanwhile, Assembly member Tony Thurmond (D-Richmond) said a special legislative session is "a great position for the advocates to place their concerns."

According to "KXJZ News," leaders of the state Senate and Assembly have said they will use the special session to try to pass a rate increase ("KXJZ News," Capital Public Radio, 6/17).