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2022 CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET & POLICY ADVOCACY



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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2022

- Jan. 1: Statutes take effect
- Jan. 3: Legislature reconvenes
- Jan. 10: Budget must be submitted by Governor
- Jan. 14: Last day for Policy Committees to hear and report to fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house in 2021
- Jan. 21: Last day for committee to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house in 2021
- Jan. 21: Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- Jan. 31: Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2021 in their house
- Feb. 18: Last day for bills to be introduced
- Apr. 7: Spring Recess begins upon adjournment of this day's session

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2022

- Apr. 18: Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess
- Apr. 29: Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 6: Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 13: Last day for policy committees to meet prior to May 31
- May 20: Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to May 31.
- May 23-27: Floor Session only
- May 27: Last day for bills to be passed out of the house or origin
- May 31: Committee meetings may resume

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2022

- June 15: Budget must be passed by midnight
- June 30: Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 8 General election ballot.
- July 1: Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins at the end of this day's session if Budget Bill has been passed.
- Aug. 1: Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess
- Aug. 12: Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
- Aug. 15 – 31: Floor Session only
- Aug. 25: Last day to amend bills on the Floor
- Aug. 31: Last day for each house to pass bills. Final Recess begins at the end of this day's session.

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STATE BUDGET PROCESS



- Budgets are statements of our values and priorities
- The state budget = state funds + federal funds
- The state budget supports a broad range of public services
- The budget process is cyclical
- Decisions are made throughout the year, both in public settings and behind the scenes
- Budget bills are ultimately passed by a simple majority vote
 - Budget Committee members are key – the budget bills now typically pass the full legislative vote easily and often along party lines
- A supermajority (two-thirds) vote is needed to approve any tax increase
 - Currently, Democrats have a super-majority in both the Assembly and Senate but this is still complex

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FEDERAL BUDGET (APPROPRIATIONS) PROCESS OVERVIEW



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BREAKDOWN OF FEDERAL SPENDING

Components of Federal Spending, Fiscal Year 2019

Component	Percentage
Discretionary	30%
Mandatory	6%
Interest	9%

Source: Congressional Budget Office

Federal Spending, Fiscal Year 2019

Category	Percentage
Social Security	24%
Medicare	14%
Medicaid, CHIP, ACA subsidies	12%
Other mandatory programs	12%
Non-Defense discretionary	15%
Defense discretionary	15%
Net interest	9%

Source: Office of Management and Budget

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APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS: GETTING STARTED

- Federal Fiscal Year: Oct. 1 – Sept. 30; Work for the next fiscal year begins in the winter
- February: President's budget proposal is released – signals administration's priorities
- Spring: Budget resolution should be completed in both House & Senate
- Spring Advocacy for our priorities:
 - Appropriations request letters: each Member of Congress submits their own priorities to the Committee
 - Dear Colleague letters – Congressional champions circulate/sign on to a group letter prioritizing certain funding requests

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KEY TERMS

- Budget Resolution: agreement on the overall budget size & division of the spending totals per category. This does not set the final funding amounts for all programs
- 302(b) allocations: Spending total for each of the 12 appropriation bills – derived from the Budget Resolution
- Appropriations (committee and bills): 12 spending bills and associated subcommittee per sections of the government
- LHHS: Labor, Health & Human Services appropriations bill. Includes FVPSA and RPE, and healthcare
- Markup: amending and agreeing on the amounts/bills
- CJS: Commerce, Justice & Science appropriations bill. Includes VAWA and VOCA, and some immigration-related spending
- Continuing Resolution: short term funding bill
- Omnibus: one large bill to fund all government programs
- Minibus: large bill to fund multiple components of the federal government

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