# Legislative Update - EFC

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## 2024 Legislative Priority

Our new policy priorities for this year will focus on "Health, Home, Work"

## 2024 Budget

- As of January, low budget revenue reported significantly lower than predicted.
- May revise will provide a clear update on the status of the budget deficit.
- This is important for EFC because it may influence the implementation timeline of E1O.

## 2024 Employment Legislation Update

- AB 222: Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities: workgroup. No longer a 2-year bill. The bill failed deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(2).
- AB 447: Public postsecondary education: students with disabilities: inclusive college programs
  - ✓ Passed Signed by Governor 10/10/2023
  - ✓ Now- this year it has support in Governor's Budget for 2 million dollarspending approval from legislature- to create an Inclusive College Technical Assistance Center (ICTA)
  - ✓ If budget is approved- the ICTA Center will facilitate collaboration between LEAs and institutions of Higher Education to support students, including those with intellectual disabilities, and their parents to plan for postsecondary transition.

#### **Employment First Office Update**

Waiting on Dept for possible update

#### SB 639 Annual Report Update

- SB 639 (2021, Durazo) required:
  - Ending of subminimum wage programs
  - ✓ Transition of persons in subminimum wage programs to CIE
  - ✓ Data collection to track transition outcomes
  - ✓ Multiphase Out Plan created in collaboration with agencies
  - ✓An annual report beginning on January 1, 2024, and continuing for each year of the multiyear phaseout plan (2023, 2024, 2025)
  - This year will be the first 639 Annual Report

#### SB 639 Annual Report Update #2

#### Per statute requirement, the report must include:

- Providing status updates on accomplished activities from the benchmark recommendations in the SCDD Multi-year Phaseout Plan
- An accounting of the resources invested in the phase out
- Recommendations for funding or resources necessary to implement the phase out
- Collection of data



#### SB 639 Annual Report Update #3

2023 SB 639 Annual Report provided the following information:

- CDE, DDS, DOR have all started the phase out of subminimum wage programs and are providing support services to help with transition to CIE.
- Data collection in DDS has started but no data available for 2023.
- DOR does not collect data
- Interagency data sharing is not possible due to legal challenges.

### Questions?



#### THANK YOU!

