

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Item 8: SCDD Updates

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Overview

- Federal Update
- State Budget
- SCDD Budget

Federal Budget

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 - House proposed Reconciliation 3.0 Resolution
 - Technique to take actions on federal budget without getting 60 votes in Senate
 - To increase or lower spending, increase or lower taxes, increase debt ceiling
 - This version has spending increases
 - Does not include instructions for offset (spending cuts)
 - Resolution is the first step, expect the House to vote on the Resolution this week
- House Appropriations markup released, contains level funding for Councils
 - This is good news, glad to have President and House support
 - This is challenging since last increase was in 2021, costs up 16%
 - Waiting to see Senate's version

State Budget

- Governor signed 2026-2027 budget on June 29, 2026
 - The state budget is in place for when the fiscal year begins on July 1, 2026
 - Big wins for advocates
 - Rejects all proposed cuts to IHSS
 - Rejects proposed cuts to Adult Protective Services
 - Delays Medi-Cal cuts for people with unsatisfactory immigration status until July 1, 2027
 - \$2.4 billion historic investment in Special Education
 - Lowers Medi-Caid asset limit to \$23,000 (much lower than current amount)
 - Includes “Fair Share” proposal to increase money for health care
 - SCDD took a position to support “Fair Share” proposal at May 2026 meeting
- Remaining Trailer Bill Language (TBL), policy done through the budget process
 - Standardized assessment for regional center services; Porterville terms

SCDD Budget

- California State Budget had very good items for SCDD
 - \$2.4 million to create a Special Education Parent Action Network
 - Surprise, thank you Assemblymember Nguyen
 - Very welcomed with federal changes to special education
 - One-time money
 - \$730,000 approved for SCDD to pay for administrative costs
 - For personnel, IT, accounting, contract, legal support from Dpt of Social Services
 - How much we can pay is capped by federal grant, costs increased over 20 years
 - Gratitude to DDS for continuing contracts and firming up others
 - Now all under one category on the budget as “Special Projects and Reimbursements”

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