

Governor Jerry Brown 2016-2017 Budget Proposal

Background:

On Thursday January 7, 2016, Governor Jerry Brown unveiled [a \\$171 billion budget proposal](#) which protects the State from near-term recession by building up the State's Rainy Day Fund. Governor Brown also addresses California's long-term liabilities by restoring and upgrading the state's infrastructure, creating a sustainable path for state worker retiree health benefits, and proposing a tax reform package that will provide an opportunity for targeted rate increases for developmental disability services.

As part of the budget process, DOR identified new federal mandates, and submitted proposals that address critical needs in our program.

We have three budget change proposals (BCP) included in the Governor's budget:

1. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Competitive Integrated Employment. This proposal establishes a new DOR service delivery team dedicated to providing WIOA mandated guidance and information to increase competitive integrated employment. The team will provide career counseling and information and referral to individuals with significant disabilities, including those individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities striving to work in competitive integrated employment settings.
2. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) funding. This proposal reflects the Administration's support of the TBI program by restoring funding to previous levels to preserve critical services for TBI survivors.
3. Federally mandated reporting and data collection resources. This proposal addresses the need for permanent resources to meet additional and new reporting and data collection requirements by WIOA.

Budget Change Proposals:

Proposal 1:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: Competitive Integrated Employment

In this Budget Change Proposal DOR is requesting eleven permanent full-time positions to establish a new Vocational Rehabilitation Service Team offering career counseling and information and referral (CC&IR). This team will work in partnership with our partner agencies. No new funding will be needed to support this effort. The newly funded positions at DOR will provide CC&IR in support of individuals seeking competitive integrated employment. Approval of this proposal will afford individuals with the most significant disabilities the opportunity and supports they need to be successful in competitive integrated employment.

Proposal 2:

Traumatic Brain Injury

In this BCP, DOR is requesting a one-time increase of \$360,000 from the Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund. Additional dollars will allow DOR to continue to support legislatively mandated services of the TBI program. Supporting this program means ensuring more Californians with TBI continue to receive essential services statewide at existing TBI sites in California. The five services are: Supported Living Services, Community Reintegration Services, Vocational Supportive Services, Information and Referral, and Public and Professional Education. This additional funding would allow DOR to restore funding to the seven existing TBI sites at previous levels.

Proposal 3:

Federal Grant & RSA Resources

In this BCP, DOR is requesting 5 permanent full-time positions funded through the redirection of Federal Funds to support an increase in federally mandated work in accounting, budgeting, and information systems. DOR does not have enough permanent staff to meet the additional reporting and data collection requirements required by WIOA. The five 5 additional positions will help DOR to meet new requirements such as: Federal grant accounting, budgeting, and oversight responsibilities, WIOA RSA 911Data Collection and Reporting, and DOL required Data Collection and Performance Reporting.