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THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE CALWORKS WOULD AFFECT MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION LOW-INCOME CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed to eliminate the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program, which provides cash assistance for eligible low-income families with children, while helping parents find jobs and overcome barriers to employment. Approximately four out of five CalWORKs recipients (78.5 percent) are children. If CalWORKs were eliminated, more than 1.1 million children and approximately 310,000 parents would lose monthly cash grants, along with employment services and child care assistance, effective October 1, 2009. Eliminating CalWORKs would reduce General Fund spending by \$2.4 billion in 2010-11 – the first full year that CalWORKs would be eliminated – but California also would lose \$3.9 billion in federal funds, for a combined loss of state and federal funding of \$6.3 billion in 2010-11.

Estimated Impact of Eliminating the CalWORKs Program					
County	Number of Children and Parents Affected	Lost State and Federal Funds	County	Number of Children and Parents Affected	Lost State and Federal Funds
Alameda	48,710	\$210,896,000	Orange	50,540	\$218,850,000
Alpine	20	\$82,000	Placer	5,020	\$21,728,000
Amador	880	\$3,806,000	Plumas	490	\$2,115,000
Butte	9,840	\$42,621,000	Riverside	82,390	\$356,734,000
Calaveras	1,490	\$6,464,000	Sacramento	94,460	\$409,022,000
Colusa	570	\$2,484,000	San Benito	2,260	\$9,777,000
Contra Costa	26,270	\$113,741,000	San Bernardino	126,520	\$547,825,000
Del Norte	2,480	\$10,755,000	San Diego	78,090	\$338,146,000
El Dorado	2,870	\$12,414,000	San Francisco	11,530	\$49,945,000
Fresno	84,610	\$366,347,000	San Joaquin	43,970	\$190,375,000
Glenn	1,390	\$6,028,000	San Luis Obispo	5,180	\$22,429,000
Humboldt	4,240	\$18,361,000	San Mateo	6,270	\$27,169,000
Imperial	13,720	\$59,390,000	Santa Barbara	12,660	\$54,819,000
Inyo	300	\$1,305,000	Santa Clara	39,510	\$171,059,000
Kern	53,750	\$232,752,000	Santa Cruz	6,140	\$26,593,000
Kings	7,850	\$34,004,000	Shasta	8,520	\$36,873,000
Lake	3,310	\$14,322,000	Sierra	50	\$222,000
Lassen	1,300	\$5,626,000	Siskiyou	2,440	\$10,579,000
Los Angeles	417,530	\$1,807,894,000	Solano	16,500	\$71,449,000
Madera	8,480	\$36,711,000	Sonoma	8,720	\$37,778,000
Marin	2,520	\$10,898,000	Stanislaus	32,020	\$138,629,000
Mariposa	600	\$2,606,000	Sutter	4,610	\$19,953,000
Mendocino	3,670	\$15,909,000	Tehama	3,480	\$15,051,000
Merced	21,330	\$92,337,000	Trinity	550	\$2,360,000

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Modoc	480	\$2,079,000	Tulare	41,960	\$181,687,000
Mono	80	\$357,000	Tuolumne	1,800	\$7,789,000
Monterey	15,440	\$66,857,000	Ventura	19,030	\$82,379,000
Napa	1,720	\$7,461,000	Yolo	6,100	\$26,415,000
Nevada	1,840	\$7,980,000	Yuba	5,330	\$23,077,000
			Statewide	1,453,450	\$6,293,318,000

Note: Total number of recipients affected is based on the projected 2009-10 average monthly CalWORKs caseload (586,746) multiplied by the three-month average number of recipients per case receiving a cash grant in January, February, and March 2009 (2.48). County estimates of affected recipients are based on the three-month average of each county's share of Californians receiving CalWORKS cash grants in January, February, and March 2009, the most recent months for which these data are available. Total estimated loss of funds reflects the projected state savings in 2010-11 due to eliminating the CalWORKs Program (\$2.4 billion), combined with the loss of the state's entire annual Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant (\$3.7 billion) and a portion (\$145 million) of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds the state is estimated to receive in federal fiscal year 2010. County estimates of affected recipients are rounded to the nearest 10 and county estimates of loss of funds are rounded to the nearest 1,000. County estimates may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: CBP analysis of Department of Finance and Department of Social Services data