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CBP Responds to Senate Republican Budget Proposals **Teleconference 1:00 p.m. Today for Media Only**

Budget Proposals Would Hurt Children, Not Necessarily Result in Savings

SACRAMENTO – At 1 p.m. today, the California Budget Project, a nonpartisan public policy research group, will hold an audio teleconference for reporters, editors, and columnists to discuss the impact of various recent budget proposals.

Senate Republicans have recently revived a proposal put forth by Governor Schwarzenegger in January that would cut grants to families on CalWORKs whose parents do not meet the federal work participation requirements. According to a recent California Budget Project *Budget Brief*, “Governor’s Proposed CalWORKs Reductions Would Eliminate Aid for Nearly 200,000 Children,” this proposal would hurt children in the CalWORKs Program and may not save the state money.

In addition, CBP research shows that eliminating state vacant positions – as the Senate Republicans have also proposed – will not necessarily create budget savings. CBP staff will also discuss a budget proposal to implement stricter documentation requirements for citizens applying for Medi-Cal services. Reporters will also have an opportunity to ask questions about other budget proposals.

- WHAT:** Audio teleconference on recent state budget proposals
- WHO:** Jean Ross, executive director, California Budget Project
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- WHEN:** Wednesday, July 25, 1:00 p.m.
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