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First Round of Trailer Bill Language Posted

By February 1 of each year, the Department of Finance is required to **post** trailer bill language (TBL), which are the statutory provisions required to implement provisions of the newly released Governor's budget proposal. This week, Finance began posting language associated with 2023-24 budget proposals. For those who wish to track TBL closely, we would encourage you to visit the immediately preceding link. Additionally, this **table** identifies all the expected items for which TBL will be posted; it is updated on a flow basis when new language is uploaded.

Below, we highlight some trailer bills of note that are already available for review:

- **Health Care Workforce Delays**
- **CalAIM: State Designated Health Programs**
- **Adjustment to Developmental Services Rate Model to account for minimum wage**
- **Covered California Fund transfer to the General Fund**
- **Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Grants**

Outstanding HHS trailer bill items include the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax language and the CalAIM Behavioral Health payment reform language. We will continue to highlight TBL details in the weeks ahead.

Redistricting Report Recommends Reforms

This week, California Common Cause, the American Civil Liberties Union, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, and the League of Women Voters jointly released *The Promise of Fair Maps*, a **report** that reviews local 2020 redistricting processes and makes policy recommendations for future redistricting efforts. The report names names, identifying cities and counties that failed to adhere to the letter or the spirit of the Fair Maps Act (**AB 849**, 2019) through interviews with local stakeholders, press reports, and other sources. While the report concludes that, overall, cities and counties complied with the Act – even with the significant challenges that local agencies faced in 2021 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the delay in receipt of census data from the federal government – the sponsoring organizations have determined that reforms are necessary to improve redistricting outcomes.

The report contains 23 specific recommendations for reforms and offers the following key recommendations for legislators:

- Prohibit jurisdictions from drawing lines to favor or discriminate against incumbents.
- Require independent redistricting commissions for larger jurisdictions and prohibit the direct appointment of commissioners by elected officials.
- Increase the minimum number of Fair Maps Act hearings and workshops from four to a minimum of six to ten, depending on the size of the jurisdiction.
- Require that jurisdictions provide in-person and remote options for providing live testimony at public hearings.
- Extend the Fair Maps Act to apply to all local governments (by adding schools and special districts).

It is important to point out two significant shortcomings with the recommended actions outlined in the report. First, most would come at a considerable cost to local agencies; legislation that proposed such provisions would not only have a significant fiscal estimate for the Legislature to consider, but would also be doing so in more constrained fiscal environment. Further, the recommendations fail to acknowledge the dearth of professional expertise (consultants, mapping experts, and redistricting attorneys, for example) available to assist local agencies with this work, something that local agencies cannot control, and many may not be able to manage without.

Obviously, we will likely see some legislative activity in this area and will continue to engage on behalf of our local agency clients.

Statewide CARE Act Working Group Kicks Off

Pursuant to **SB 1338** (2022), the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) is required to convene a CARE Act working group to “provide coordination and on-going engagement with, and support collaboration among, relevant state and local partners and other stakeholders throughout the phases of county implementation to support the successful implementation of the CARE Act.” The working group, which will be meeting for the first time from 1 to 4 p.m. on February 14, is required to meet no more than quarterly through 2026. The draft agenda, working group composition, and details on a remote viewing option for the upcoming meeting are available [here](#). A final agenda is expected to be posted within a day or two.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Judicial Council of California are partnering with CalHHS in supporting the CARE Act working group.

DHCS Launches Technical Assistance Marketplace for CalAIM

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) this week launched the Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Technical Assistance (TA) Marketplace, a website where providers, counties, community-based organizations, Medi-Cal Tribal and Designees of Indian Health Programs, and other eligible TA recipients can access resources from curated and approved vendors. These resources are part of CalAIM.

The TA virtual platform is intended to assist counties, providers and community-based organizations with implementing Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports. The TA Marketplace allows entities to browse “hands-on” or “off-the-shelf” TA services from an initial offering of 47 unique vendors across seven TA domains. Services offered through the TA Marketplace are provided at no cost to the TA recipient.

The TA marketplace will offer services across the following domains, with the potential for more to be added over time:

- Building knowledge on data capacity.
- Community Supports to strengthen services that address social drivers of health.
- Navigation help with CalAIM and the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system.
- Strengthening care for Enhanced Care Management’s Populations of Focus.
- Promoting health equity.
- Supporting cross-sector partnerships, including between managed care plans and counties.

- Recruiting and retaining a well-prepared, high-performing workforce.

Entities may submit questions via **email** regarding the TA marketplace services or recipient registration form. Services will be available beginning February 27, 2023.