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### **Legislature Approves Budget Bill – And Not Much Else – Just in Time**

On Thursday, the Legislature approved **SB 101** (Skinner), meeting the constitutional requirement to pass a budget by June 15 and continue to receive legislative pay, but also sending the Governor a plan he's not endorsed. SB 101 reflects an initial budget framework agreement between the Assembly and Senate but does not represent the outcome of negotiations with the Newsom Administration or include agreed-upon details on a variety of budget issues. As a result, there are many unanswered questions about budget items and associated trailer bill language that will not be available for some time.

While the Governor has been busy this week (**appearing** on Fox News with Sean Hannity and **attending** Disneyland's inaugural Pride Night, for example), legislators put only the primary budget bill up for a vote on Thursday and approved the bill without significant debate. We're all waiting for negotiations to heat up prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30. (Note that SB 101 was presented to the Governor on Thursday morning. He has 12 days to act on the bill.)

In the meantime, we've put together details (**see chart**) on select components from the Legislature's budget package – grouped by policy area/issues, as usual. If you have questions about these items or other budget matters, please do not hesitate to reach out.

### **Conservatorship Reform: SB 43 (Eggman) Update**

Senator Susan Eggman's **SB 43**, which expands the definition of "gravely disabled" under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act and modifies hearsay evidentiary standards for conservatorship hearings, has been set for hearing on June 27 in the Assembly Health Committee; it will be heard in a subsequent week in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

The Urban Counties of California (UCC), the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) submitted a **concerns letter** to Assembly Health Committee late this week. The letter highlights concerns with the addition of substance use disorders (SUD) to criteria for LPS as well as capacity and resource concerns.