

Increase CalWORKs Grants and Provide Ongoing COLA

- ☑ **Governor.** No proposal.
- ☑ **Assembly.** No proposal.
- ☑ **Senate.** Increase CalWORKs grants over three years to guarantee that grant amounts for all CalWORKs families are at least at 50 percent of federal poverty level (FPL) for their family size. Also provide annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to keep grant levels at 50 percent of FPL over time.
 - **2018-19 Costs.** Beginning January 1, 2019, half-year costs of \$400 million General Fund for CalWORKs grant increase and \$50 million General Fund for CalWORKs grant COLA.
 - **Ongoing Costs.**
 - **Ongoing Grant Costs.** Ongoing costs reach \$1.5 billion General Fund annually by 2021-22.
 - **Ongoing COLA Costs.** Ongoing costs reach \$350 million General Fund annually by 2021-22, increasing each year thereafter by about \$100 million.

Senate CalWORKs Grant and COLA Proposal

Monthly Maximum CalWORKs Grants^a, Reflects Three Year Phase In

	Current Law	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 ^b
Family of three (adult is eligible)	\$714	\$904	\$1,012	\$1,122
As a percent of FPL ^c	42%	51%	56%	60%
Family of three (adult is ineligible)^d	\$577	\$738	\$834	\$929
As a percent of FPL ^c	34%	41%	46%	50%

^a For a family of three in a high-cost county with no other income.
^b Reflects grant amounts after full phase in.
^c Estimated grant amount as a share of projected FPL for that year, as adjusted by the Consumer Price Index.
^d About one-half of CalWORKs cases are families in which an adult is ineligible to receive cash assistance due to immigration status, receipt of SSI/SSP, not complying with welfare-to-work requirements, or having exhausted the 48-month time limit.