NextGen Policy's 2020-21 Budget Priorities

DETAILS

1) Fund the California Air resources Board to implement new requirements to reduce air pollution from heavy-duty trucks – $1.705M
   a) WIN – Item was included in January proposal, but removed from May Revise. Was re-inserted at urging of NextGen and other advocates who supported passage of the underlying policy in SB 210 (2019).
   b) We are on the coalition letter.
   c) Previous notes: Increase the 2020-21 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund budget for zero-emissions car, truck, and bus incentive to $588M - $250M for heavy-duty vouchers, pilots, and demos; $238M for clean vehicle rebates; $100M for equity projects.
      i) WIN - item was included in June 22nd budget deal (finding language).
      ii) Was included in January proposal - per Dave delay action on this until July.
      iii) We are on the coalition letter.

2) Consumer Protections - Creation of the Department of Financial Protections and Innovation (DFPI) - $10.2M
   a) $10.2 million Financial Protection Fund and 44 positions in 2020-21, growing to $19.3 million and 90 positions ongoing in 2022-23.
   b) Is in May Revise. Deferred by both houses of Legislature, need to push during Big 3 conversations.
   c) WIN - As of now, the budget ask if not removed, but there is just placeholder language right now. We have work to do to get it fully funded and authorized in the later budget action.
      i) "If state law is amended to provide authority for the California Consumer Financial Protection Law program, the Department of Finance may augment this item by an amount deemed necessary to implement the program. Any augmentation made pursuant to this provision shall not occur sooner than 30 days after written notice is provided to the Joint
Legislative Budget Committee, or not sooner than whatever lesser time the chairperson of the joint committee, or the chairperson’s designee, may determine. Notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee may be provided in advance of the enactment of the amendments to state law described in this provision.

3) **Criminal Justice - Public Defenders Funding item - $2.1M**
   a) **WIN** - The original funding levels included in the January budget, $4 million to the Office of the State Public Defender and the $10 million for local Public Defender offices.
   b) May Revise reduces funding proposal for the Office of the State Public Defender from $4M to $2.1M; eliminates $10M BSCC grant program for local PD offices.
   c) Goal now is to help defend the OSPD money that remained in the May Revise.

4) **Education - Student Debt Work Group and Outreach - $250K**
   a) **WIN** - decrease from $500K but still item is in the June 22 budget deal. Item is in the Budget Bill 2.0 SB 121 / AB 89. Language also decreases work group membership size from 9 to 7. Members of the public positions increased from 2 to 3 and are more prescriptive - these individuals must have experience in private, public, and state loan programs. Representatives from Dept of Social Services, EDD, and Franchise Tax Board removed.
   b) Was in May Revise, rejected by Senate, Asm ultimately rejected in June 15 legislative deal (decrease was per staff original reco).
   c) Submitted NGCA letter (before May Revise) and led coalition letter (submitted after May Revise), and made public comment at both budget sub hearings after May Revise.

5) **Food Insecurity x2 Items** -
   a) **Farm to School Pilot Program - $10M**
      i) **WIN** - $10M for Farm to School Pilot Program.
      ii) Item in [SB 74](#), the original budget pill that passed
      iii) Is in the May Revise
      iv) Submitted coalition letter (before May Revise) and another coalition submitted after the May Revise, and have made public comment at both budget sub hearings after May Revise.
      v) Current situation: In May Revise, approved by Senate, working to get in Asm budget and have heard that it is in the clear
   b) **COVID-19 Children Nutrition Reimbursement - $63.2M** for a flexible reimbursement program
i) **WIN** - $112M for Children Nutrition Reimbursement

ii) Item in **AB 77 / SB 98** Education finance: education omnibus budget trailer bill

c) Was not in the May Revise and was added by Senate Sub 1 after hearing federal funding from the CARES Act would not be accessible for schools

d) Submitted coalition letter after May Revise in general support for school food and another coalition providing clarification on the CARES Act funding. We are working on a general coalition letter for both the general Assembly and Senate.

e) Current situation: It was added by Senate Sub 1 and approved by the Senate Committee and we have heard the Assembly is also OK with this new funding.

6) **Health x2 Items** -

a) **Medi-Cal Expansion to Undocumented Seniors Item** - $84M
   
i) **LOSS** - indefinitely postponed.
   
ii) Expands Medi-Cal to undocumented seniors with implementation beginning in 2021.
   
iii) This item was in the Governor's January proposal and taken out in the May Revise.
   
iv) Ongoing advocacy for the past three years. Submitted NGCA letters over the years including coalition letters and made public comment in the Senate Budget Committee after May Revise.
   
v) Current situation - withdrawn from May Revise, included in the Senate BP with delayed implementation, continue to participate in advocacy efforts for the Governor to include this item this year. Asm. may mirror the Senate in rejecting the Gov. proposal and delaying implementation.

7) **Immigration** - Due Process in Detention Program - $3M

a) **LOSS** - Item was not included in June 22nd Budget Deal. Coalition is regrouping for push in August.

b) Immigrant Defense Advocates (IDA), together with legal service providers across the state, are advocating for a state budget ask to establish the Due Process in Detention Program, a strategic initiative to address the urgent need presented by immigrant detention in California.

c) Signed onto a coalition letter

d) The original ask was $6M and Asm Bonta’s office decreased the ask to $3M

e) Was not in May revise, and not in the June 15th Budget.

8) **Mental Health** - Youth Mental Health First Aid - $1.63M

a) **GF to establish Youth Mental Health First Aid**
b) Signed onto coalition letter (before May Revise) sent to Legislature

c) Children Now has had meetings with the Gov Office. Senator Portantino has also been a champion for this proposal. DHCS is applying for FEMA funds for YMHFA training across our state.

d) LOSS- At this point this budget proposal won’t be funded due the severity of cuts

9) Tax Reform - Expansion of EITC to ITIN filers
 
a) **WIN** : AB 93 in June 22nd Budget Deal [extends](#) CalEITC + YCTC to ITIN filers with children younger than 6 (expected cost: $65M in FY 2020-21). But full expansion still to be pursued.

b) Was not in the Governor's May Revision. Was in the Senate June 15th proposal: $42M for ITIN filers with kids under 6 + $5M for outreach.

c) Submitted [support letter](#), [support email](#), and support tweets; WG did me too in June Senate Budget Cmte & budget letter.