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Los Rios Community College District



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Budget Calendar



January Budget Proposal – January 10th

Committee Hearings – Feb-May

May Revision – May 15th

Legislative Vote – June 15th

Legislative Process

Legislative Calendar



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• January - March

- **March-May**
(1st House)
- **June - July**
- **(2nd House)**

Fiscal Committees

- **May**
- **(1st House)**
- **August**
- **(2nd House "Suspense")**

Floor Votes

- **June**
- **(1st House)**
- **September**
- **(2nd House)**

Bills Sent to Governor

- **September**

Bills Vetoed or Signed

- **October**

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2025 Successes

Davies Hall moved to “the top of the list.”
(Proposition 2 looking promising)

Affordable Student Housing Program moved from local bond to state bond.



Budget Update



Budget Agreement



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Proposal Title	Budget Agreement
1.07% COLA for Apportionments	Adopt May Revision
0.5% Enrollment Growth	Adopt May Revision
1.07% COLA for Select Categorical Programs	Adopt May Revision
\$12 million for e-transcript	Adopt May Revision
\$12 million for common cloud data platform	Reject Proposal
\$6 million for mapping for credit for prior learning	Adopt May revision
\$5 million for pathways for low-income workers	Adopt budget bill language (BBL) creating program within Strong Workforce Program

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\$60 million one-time for Nursing Program Expansion

Adopt within strong workforce program and placeholder BBL to develop grant program to support nursing programs with priority in underserved areas and priority to expansion of ADN to BSN partnership programs

SCFF Reporting

Adopt BBL to require supplemental reporting by the State Chancellor's Office to report on projected district-by-district funding levels for the next three years, changes related to performance metrics, summer enrollment data, and potential changes to the supplemental allocation

Part-Time Faculty Office Hours

Adopt BBL to increase reimbursement from 50% to 90% of expenses

Student Housing Lease Revenue Bond

Approve placeholder BBL

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Increase funding for Apprenticeship	Provide \$3.6 million one-time funding to backfill instructional hours
Financial Aid Administration	\$20 million one-time to support 204-25 FASFA Completion
Reduce Chancellor's Office state operations by approximately 7.95% beginning in 2024-25	Adopt May Revision
Cal Grant Reform	Adopts May Revision proposal NOT to adopt Cal Grant implementation

Proposition 98

Community College Deferrals/Rainy Day Fund



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- Defers \$446.4 million Proposition 98 General Fund associated with apportionments from 2023-24 to 2024-25.
- **Defers \$246.7 million Proposition 98 General Fund from 2024-25 to 2025-26.**
- Uses \$545.9 million Proposition 98 General Fund from the Public School System Stabilization Account to support apportionment costs in 2023-24.
- Uses \$241.8 million Proposition 98 General Fund from the Public School System Stabilization Account to support a repayment of the 2022-23 categorical program deferral in 2023-24.
- Leaves approximately \$1 billion in the PSSSA

2025-26 Budget

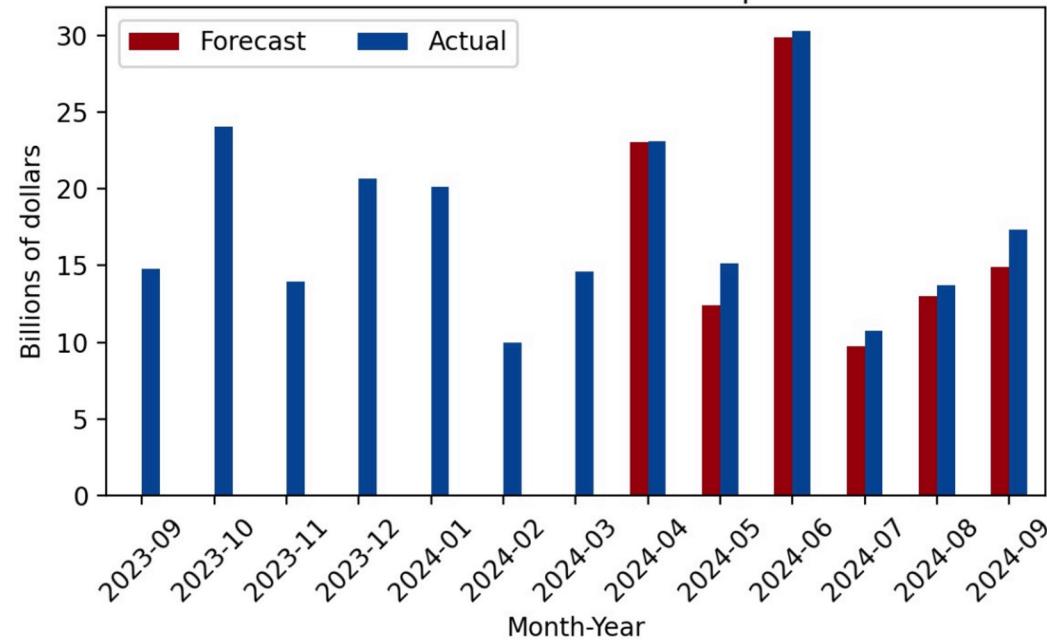
Revenues Outpacing Assumptions



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Comparison of Actual and 2024-25 Budget Act Forecast: Agency General Fund Cash Receipts



Legislative Update



Bills of Interest

Allied Health



AB 1891 (Weber) – Community Colleges: allied health programs.

AB 2104 (Soria) – Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing.*

SB 895 (Roth) – Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing.*

* Both bills Vetoed

Bills of Interest

Brown Act



AB 1855 (Arambula) – Open meetings: teleconferences: community college student body associations and student-run organizations

Bills of Interest

Campus Safety



AB 1524 (Lowenthal) – Postsecondary education: drug testing devices.

AB 1841 (Weber) – Student safety: opioid overdose: student housing.

AB 2096 (Petrie-Norris) – Restraining orders

AB 2326 (Alvarez) & AB 2925 (Friedman) – Equity in Higher Education Act

Bills of Interest

Title IX



AB 2048 (Fong) – Community Colleges: sexual harassment: report.

AB 2407 (Hart) – Sexual harassment complaints: state audit.

AB 2326 (Alvarez) & AB 2925 (Friedman) – Equity in Higher Education Act

SB 791 (McGuire) – Disclosure of sexual harassment.

Bills of Interest

Courses and Programs



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AB 2057 (Berman) – Associate Degree for Transfer

SB 1244 (Newman) – Pupil instruction: CCAP programs.

SB 1348 (Bradford) – Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions

Bills of Interest

Financial Aid



AB 1885 (Addis) – Student Success and Completion Grant Program.

AB 2033 (Reyes) – EBT cards: basic needs services and resources.

AB 2500 (Fong) – Financial aid application deadline: postponement

AB 2508 (McCarty) – Student financial aid: California KIDS program.

Other Actions



- Transfer Audit – Including UC and CSU
- 50% Law Audit
- EO on Master Plan on Career Education

Issues for 2025

- COLA & Growth

- ❑ Full COLA for apportionments and all categorical programs
- ❑ Addressing unfunded students
 - ❑ Lift 10% growth cap
 - ❑ Request additional growth funding
 - ❑ Change 3 yr. average



Issues for 2025

- Funding Formula
 - ❑ Funding floor kicks in for community colleges in 2025-26.
 - ❑ COLA on Supplemental Apportionment.
 - ❑ Changing threshold on Promise (BOG Waiver) Grant



Issues for 2025



- Implementation of Cal Grant Equity Framework
 - ❑ The framework is in statute, it needs to be properly funded.
 - ❑ Would create a Cal Grant 2 for community colleges and a Cal Grant 4 for four-year institutions.
 - ❑ Eliminate age and time-out-of-school limits for community colleges.

Issues for 2025

- Budget Requests (System Office)
 - ❑ Funding for Financial Aid Offices
 - ❑ Systemwide Common Data Platform
 - ❑ Credit for Prior Learning
 - ❑ Rising Scholars Network
 - ❑ Burden-Free Instructional Materials



Issues for 2025



- Nursing/BA Degree Expansion
 - ❑ Clinical placement Issues
 - ❑ Discussion on reintroduction of SB 895 & AB 2104

Issues for 2025



- Part-Time Faculty Healthcare
 - ❑ Funding to increase healthcare options to part-time faculty.
 - ❑ Sustainable and reliable statewide pool

Issues for 2025



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- System Request on Legislation/Regulations
 - ❑ CalFresh Master Memorandum of Understanding
 - ❑ Eliminate Structural Barriers to Residency
 - ❑ Climate & Fire Management Training (Climate Bond)
 - ❑ Microgrids for CCC (Climate Bond)
 - ❑ Apprenticeship Initiative Funds for Instructional Materials

Issues for 2025



- Affordable Student Housing
 - ❑ Fund the projects that have already been approved either through a lease revenue bond or through additional (non-Proposition 98) General Fund.
 - ❑ Implementation of the lease revenue bond.
 - ❑ Question of what will be done with the additional revenue & revenue from districts choosing to no longer participate in the program.

Politics of 2025



- Speaker and Pro Tem remain the same
- Budget committee chairs and Budget Subcommittee on Education chairs remain the same.
- Assembly Higher Education Committee Chair remains the same. But potential change in Chair of Senate Education.
- Democrats still dominate makeup of Legislature.

Politics of 2025

State Senate/Assembly

- Senate District 3 – Chris Cabaldon (D)
- Senate District 5 – McNerney (D) v. Shoemaker (R)
- Senate District 37 – Newman (D) v. Choi (R) – Too close to call.
- Asm. District 6 – Maggie Krell (D)
- Asm. District 7 – Hoover (R) v. Middleton (D)



Politics of 2025

Statewide Elections



- Proposition 2 – Cautiously optimistic on its passage.
- Proposition 4 – Likely to pass.
- Counties have until December 5th to certify local election results final.
- 30 new legislators will be sworn in during Organizational Session on December 5th



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Questions/Discussion

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