STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Budget Change Proposal - Cover Sheet
DF-46 (REV 03/25)

Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2026-27	5180	California Department of Social Services

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
5180-106-BCP-2026-GB	4270037-County Administration and Automation Projects

Budget Request Title
Public Social Services: CalFresh Higher Education (AB 79)

Budget Request Summary
The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) requests $219,000 ($161,000 General Fund) in fiscal year 2026-27 and $213,000 ($156,000 General Fund) in 2027-28 and ongoing to support one (1.0) permanent position to implement CalFresh Higher Education (AB 79).

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed
☐ Trailer Bill Language ☐ Budget Bill Language ☒ N/A	N/A

Does this BCP contain information technology (IT) components? ☐ Yes ☒ No *If yes, departmental Chief Information Officer must sign.*	Department CIO	Date
	N/A	N/A

For IT requests, specify the project number, the most recent project approval document (FSR, SPR, S1BA, S2AA, S3SD, S4PRA), the approval date, and the total project cost.

Project No. N/A **Approval Date:** N/A

Project Approval Document: N/A **Total Project Cost:** N/A

If proposal affects another department, does other department concur with proposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Attach comments of affected department, signed and dated by the department director or designee.

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Department Director	**Date**	**Agency Secretary**	**Date**
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Department of Finance Use Only

Additional Review: ☐ Capital Outlay ☐ ITCU ☐ FSCU ☐ OSAE ☐ Dept. of Technology

Principal Program Budget Analyst	Date submitted to the Legislature
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A. Problem Statement

AB 79 (Chapter 607, Statutes of 2025) amends Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 10006 to require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop and facilitate trainings to be delivered at higher education campuses on topics including: Local Programs that Increase Employability (LPIE); CalFresh policy including the CalFresh Student Eligibility Handbook; and other college student related training including information pertaining to eligibility criteria for public social services programs. The CDSS must also convene a quarterly workgroup to share best practices, address challenges, and identify statewide issues. Additionally, on or before May 1, 2027, and every three years thereafter, the CDSS, in collaboration with the workgroup, must submit a report to the Legislature with findings and recommendations relating to enrollment success trends, best practices, and services offered by the CDSS that may be available to students.

Resource History
(Dollars in thousands)

Program Budget	PY - 4	PY - 3	PY - 2	PY - 1	PY	CY
Authorized Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Actual Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Revenues	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Authorized Positions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Filled Positions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vacancies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Workload History

Workload Measure	PY - 4	PY - 3	PY - 2	PY - 1	PY	CY
Applications Received, Applications Processed, Call Volume, Site Visits, Audits, Stakeholder Meetings, Hearings, etc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

B. Justification

The Family Engagement and Empowerment Division (FEED) will require an Analyst III to support the timely and successful implementation of the requirements listed in AB 79. The Analyst III will coordinate and facilitate all efforts related to the quarterly workgroup meetings, ensuring relevant topics are being discussed and progress is being made toward the required Legislative reports and trainings.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

This request supports the Administration's vision of a "California for All" and aligns with the CDSS' mission to serve, protect, and assist those in need. The outcomes of AB 79 would potentially increase the CalFresh student caseload by providing adequate training and technical support to those assisting students in their process of obtaining food benefits.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

The requested Analyst III will provide CDSS with the required resources to fully implement AB 79 without impacting current high priority efforts such as implementation of the various CalFresh related provisions of House of Representatives Bill 1 (H.R. 1).

The expected outcomes and program/policy implications from the AB 79 work include increased CalFresh participation among students of the identified higher public education institutions and reduced food insecurity on college campuses.

Projected Outcomes

Workload Measure	CY	BY	BY+1	BY+2	BY+3	BY+4
Facilitate Stakeholder Meetings	N/A	2	4	4	4	4
Develop and facilitate Trainings	N/A	2	3	4	4	4
Legislative Report	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	1	N/A
Provide Technical Assistance to County Liaisons, Higher Ed Segments, Stakeholders, etc.	N/A	600	600	600	600	600

E. Implementation Plan

The CalFresh Branch will proceed with the standard recruitment process to fill the Analyst III position in an expediated manner. Contingent upon timely approval and recruitment activities, it is anticipated that the Analyst III will be hired, onboarded, and fully trained within four months. This timeline supports the implementation requirements of AB 79 allowing the CDSS sufficient time to convene a workgroup that will contribute to the first required Legislative report, which is due on or before May 1, 2027.

Contingent Year 1 Implementation Plan Overview

- Month 1-3 – Approved authorized position, recruitment, and onboarding completed
- Month 4-6 – Quarterly Workgroup convening
- Month 7-9 – Quarterly Workgroup convening; Training offered
- Month 10-12 – Quarterly Workgroup convening; Training offered
- Month 13-15 – Quarterly Workgroup convening; first Legislative report due; Training offered

F. Supplemental Information

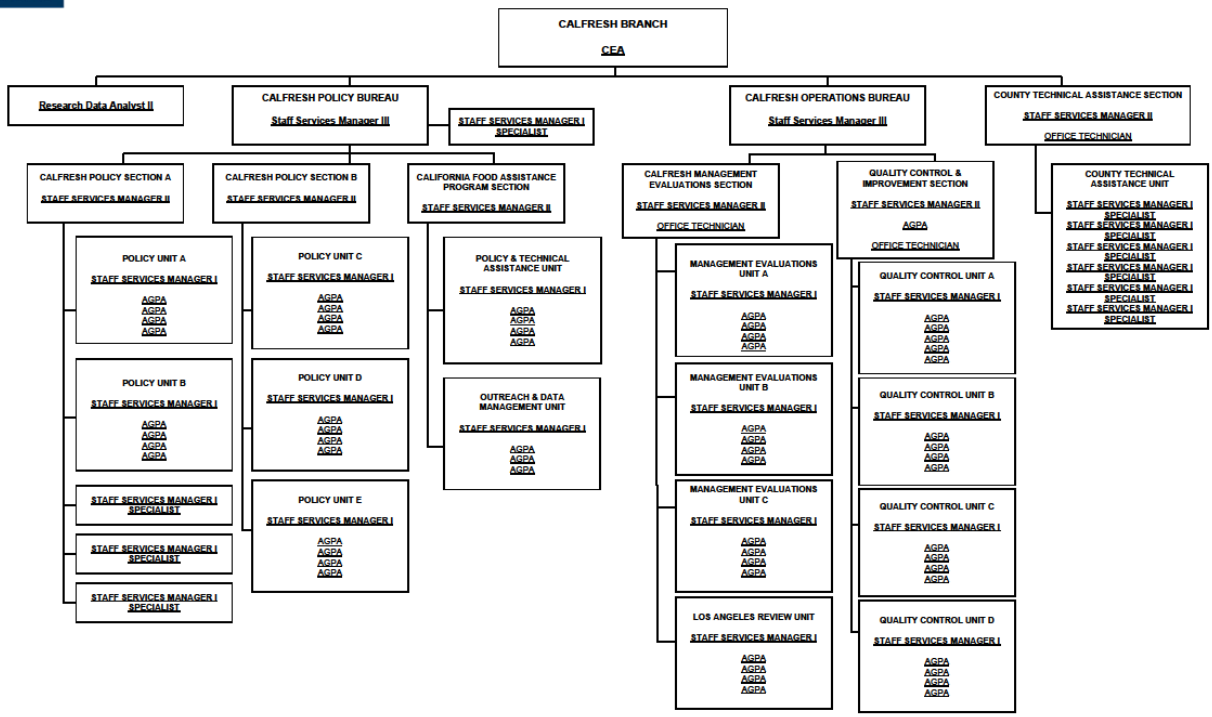
FY 2025-26 BCP WORKLOAD ANALYSIS
Family Engagement and Empowerment Division
Calfresh Branch, Calfresh Policy Bureau
Calfresh Policy Section B
1.0 Analyst III

Task I.D. #	Activity/Task Name Description	Units	Hours/ Units	Basis for Workload	Total Hours	Staff Being Requested
100	Coordinate, facilitate, and maintain progress of stakeholder quarterly stakeholder workgroup including the management of deliverables produced by the workgroup	1	600	Current and past program experience	600	1.0 Analyst III
101	Develop training materials with Subject Matter Experts and facilitate trainings including the management and distribution of follow-up training materials, questions, and surveys	1	600	Current and past program experience	600	1.0 Analyst III
102	Draft, finalize, and ensure the timely and complete submission of the Legislative report every three years	1	400	Current and past program experience	400	1.0 Analyst III
103	Provide technical assistance to counties, higher education segments, and basic needs centers; and respond to general inquiries/questions related to AB 79	1	115	Current and past program experience	115	1.0 Analyst III
104	Develops and provides Bureau/Section leadership with recommendations as it relates to CalFresh student eligibility and stakeholder engagement	1	63	Current and past program experience	63	1.0 Analyst III
				Totals	**1778**	**1.0 Analyst III**

CDSS CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CURRENT

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT DIVISION
ORGANIZATION CHART
10/2025

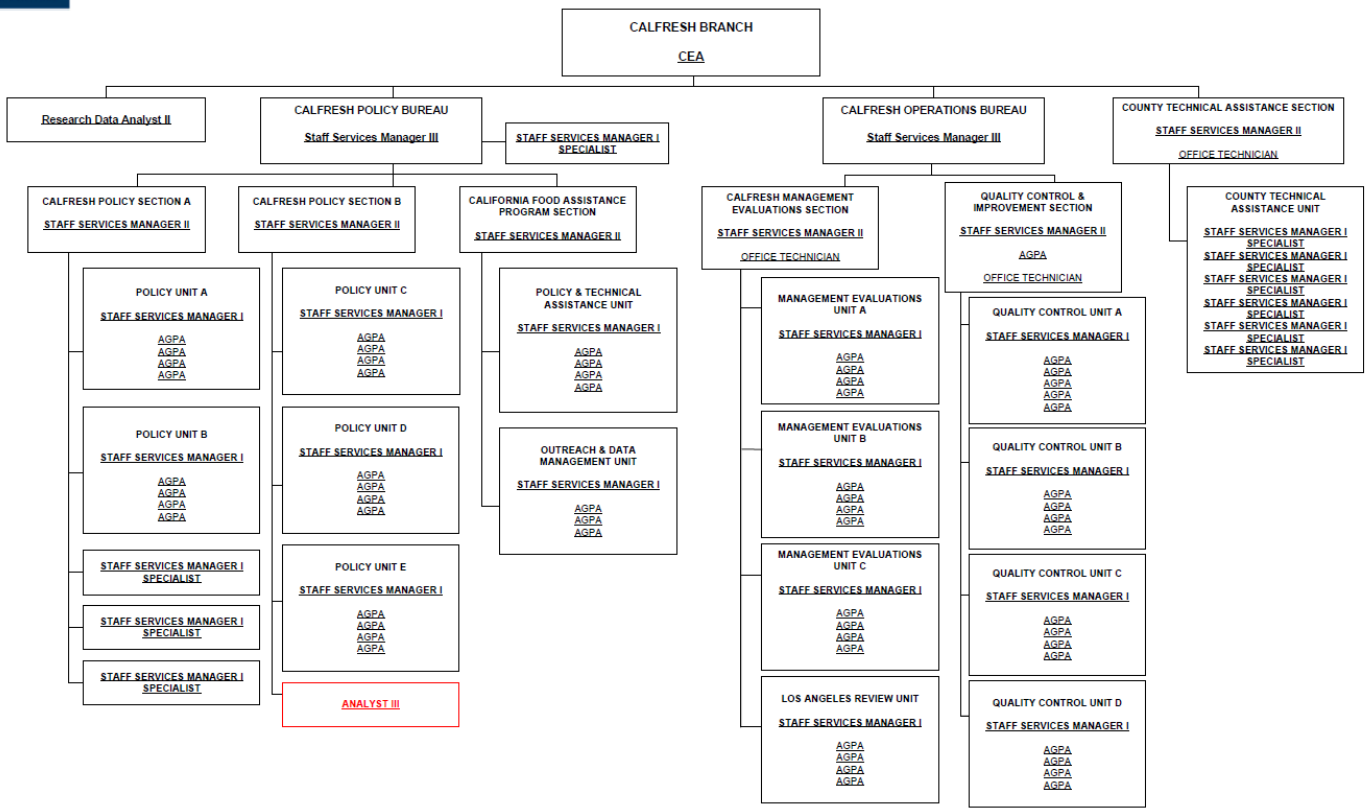


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CDSS CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT DIVISION
ORGANIZATION CHART
12/2025



BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Public Social Services: CalFresh Higher Education (AB 79)

BR Name: 5180-106-BCP-2026-GB

Budget Request Summary

Personal Services

Personal Services	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Positions - Permanent	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Positions	**0.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**
Earnings - Permanent	0	95	95	95	95	95
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$95**	**$95**	**$95**	**$95**	**$95**
Total Staff Benefits	0	72	72	72	72	72
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$167**	**$167**	**$167**	**$167**	**$167**

Operating Expenses and Equipment

Operating Expenses and Equipment	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5301 - General Expense	0	9	3	3	3	3
5302 - Printing	0	1	1	1	1	1
5304 - Communications	0	3	3	3	3	3
5306 - Postage	0	1	1	1	1	1
5320 - Travel: In-State	0	3	3	3	3	3
5322 - Training	0	3	3	3	3	3
5324 - Facilities Operation	0	9	9	9	9	9
5326 - Utilities	0	1	1	1	1	1
5344 - Consolidated Data Centers	0	12	12	12	12	12
5346 - Information Technology	0	9	9	9	9	9
539X - Other	0	1	1	1	1	1
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$52**	**$46**	**$46**	**$46**	**$46**

Total Budget Request

Total Budget Request	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Total Budget Request	**$0**	**$219**	**$213**	**$213**	**$213**	**$213**

Fund Summary

Fund Source

Fund Source	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
State Operations - 0001 - General Fund	0	161	156	156	156	156
State Operations - 0890 - Federal Trust Fund	0	58	57	57	57	57
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$219**	**$213**	**$213**	**$213**	**$213**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$219**	**$213**	**$213**	**$213**	**$213**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
4270037 - County Administration and Automation Projects	0	219	213	213	213	213
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$219**	**$213**	**$213**	**$213**	**$213**

Personal Services Details

Positions

Positions	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5402 - Analyst III (Eff. 07-01-2026)	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Positions	**0.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5402 - Analyst III (Eff. 07-01-2026)	0	95	95	95	95	95
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$95**	**$95**	**$95**	**$95**	**$95**

Staff Benefits

Staff Benefits	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5150150 - Dental Insurance	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150200 - Disability Leave - Industrial	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150350 - Health Insurance	0	10	10	10	10	10
5150400 - Life Insurance	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150450 - Medicare Taxation	0	3	3	3	3	3
5150500 - OASDI	0	7	7	7	7	7
5150630 - Retirement - Public Employees - Miscellaneous	0	31	31	31	31	31
5150750 - Vision Care	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150800 - Workers' Compensation	0	2	2	2	2	2
5150900 - Staff Benefits - Other	0	11	11	11	11	11
Total Staff Benefits	**$0**	**$72**	**$72**	**$72**	**$72**	**$72**

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