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
5180-056-BCP-2026-GB	4275019 - Children and Adult Services and Licensing

Budget Request Title
Independent Adoption Program (SB 450)

Budget Request Summary
The California Department of Social Services requests two-year limited-term funding of $355,000 General Fund in fiscal year 2026-27 and $326,000 General Fund in 2027-28 to support the equivalent of 2 positions to implement the requirements of Chapter 757, Statutes of 2025, related to independent adoptions that are finalized in California.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed
☐ Trailer Bill Language ☐ Budget Bill Language ☒ N/A	Click or tap here to enter text.

Does this BCP contain information technology (IT) components? ☐ Yes ☒ No *If yes, departmental Chief Information Officer must sign.*	Department CIO	Date
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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. Click or tap here to enter text.
Approval Date: Click or tap to enter a date.
Project Approval Document: Click or tap here to enter text.
Total Project Cost: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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A. Problem Statement

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Other Identities (LGBTQ+) families have faced increasing legal challenges due to a wave of state and federal legislation, court rulings, and executive actions that have rolled back critical protections. As a result, many LGBTQ+ parents—particularly those who have relocated out of California—are likely to face legal risks to their parental rights.

This places children born into LGBTQ+ families at risk of losing legal ties to one of their parents. While California has taken steps to protect these families through Chapter 636, Statutes of 2014 (AB 2344), which established a streamlined "confirmatory adoption" process for stepparent adoptions, also known as "stepparent adoption to confirm parentage", only eight states currently offer similar protections. As civil rights for LGBTQ+ continue to be challenged nationwide, families who relocate or reside outside California remain vulnerable. Chapter 757, Statutes of 2025 (SB 450), helps ensure that LGBTQ+ parents in other states can access California courts to protect their parentage rights as long as their child was born in California.

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**
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

B. Justification

With the expansion of court jurisdiction from SB 450, CDSS anticipates an increase in the number of independent adoption petitions requiring investigation and case management. Additionally, the increased caseload will result in greater clerical demands. To meet these needs, CDSS is requesting resources to support the additional workload associated with adoption investigations and related administration functions on a two-year limited-term basis to allow data on increased workload to be collected to support any ongoing resource needs.

Funding equivalents for one (1.0) Adoption Specialist (AS) and one (1.0) Office Technician (OT) for two years is needed to assist with implementing the requirements within SB 450. These two positions will help support timely adoption investigations for the anticipated additional increase in adoption investigations and related administration functions due to the enactment of SB 450 by making sure: (1) adoption services are not delayed and are provided within specific time frames as required by law and (2) clerical support associated with adoption investigations, including processing court documents and critical data entry, will be met.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

SB 450 is intended to address disparity issues in the LBGTQ+ community outside of California. This proposal will ensure LGBTQ+ parents in other states can access California courts to protect their parentage rights as long as their child was born in California. Specifically, SB 450 expands California's jurisdiction for adoption proceedings, including confirmatory adoptions, for families who either never lived in California or who no longer live here, if the child was born in the state.

The requested resources will make sure CDSS can meet the requirements while upholding its mission to serve and protect Californians in ways that empower wellbeing and address systemic inequities.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

As awareness of the law grows, CDSS expects a steady rise in adoption petitions from LGBTQ+ families nationwide. With the additional resources, CDSS will be able to address the increase in workload that will be generated with the enactment of SB 450.

While the volume of new cases is currently unknown, historical averages indicate that one (1.0) full time AS manages approximately 40 independent adoptions, which requires the support of one (1.0) OT for administrative support.

Projected Outcomes

Workload Measure	CY	BY	BY+1	BY+2	BY+3	BY+4
Number of Independent Adoption Investigations From New Petitions of petitioners who live outside of California.	0	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

E. Implementation Plan

Upon approval of the state operations resources, CDSS will begin recruiting the positions to help address the additional workload created by the increase in adoption investigations and clerical functions with the enactment of SB 450.

F. Supplemental Information (If Applicable)

Workload Analysis

Organizational Charts

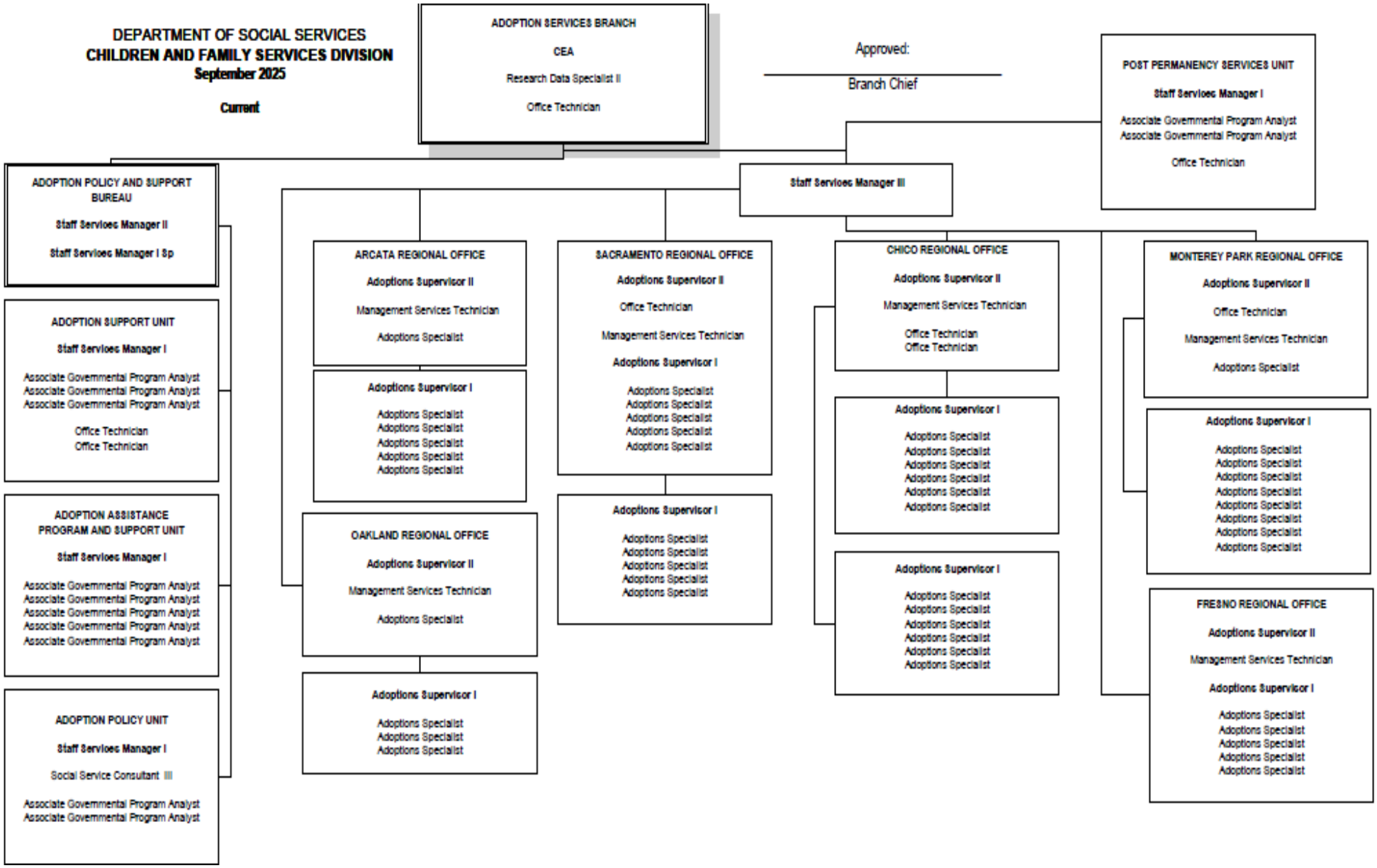
WORKLOAD ANALYSIS for 2026-27
Child and Family Services Division
Adoption Services Branch
1.0 Adoption Specialist (AS)

TASK I.D. #	ACTIVITY / TASK NAME DESCRIPTION	UNITS	HOURS/ UNITS	BASIS FOR WORKLOAD	TOTAL HOURS	STAFF BEING REQUESTED
100	Assess the adoption potential of families throughout the life of the adoption petition or referral for adoption until the adoption is finalized using standardized assessment tools such as questionnaires, information from personal references, mental health/medical professionals, employers, tax filings, collateral contacts and observational skills.	25	20		500	1.0 AS
101	Prepare and support families for adoption in English and other languages with continued meetings leading up to the finalization of the adoption.	20	20		400	1.0 AS
102	Assess the children to be adopted throughout the life of the adoption petition or referral for adoption until the adoption is finalized using standardized assessment tools such as questionnaires, mental health/medical professionals, schools, collateral contacts and observational skills.	20	15		300	1.0 AS
103	Arrange home visits to conduct in-person interviews with age-appropriate children and prospective adoptive parents in English and other languages to determine how the child and the parents are adjusting to the adoption placement and process, identify and resolve any concerns/issues and provide follow-up contact through phone, emails, and in-person office and/or home visits.	10	10		100	1.0 AS
104	Educate families in English and other languages on the adoption process and provide resources and referrals to support services such as counseling, respite or support groups as needed.	10	10		100	1.0 AS
105	Consult and collaborate with county child welfare staff and other collateral resources such as school teachers, counselors, and foster parents.	10	10		100	1.0 AS
106	Provide supervision of the child and the prospective adoptive family by visiting the home periodically.	10	10		100	1.0 AS

107	Prepare full factual reports to the court with recommendations for or against granting petitions for adoption, informational court reports when necessary to inform the court of the progress of the adoption and/or any anomalies delaying or affecting the adoption process, contested court hearings, and set asides. Appear and testify in court.	15	10		150	1.0 AS
108	Provide casework services for legal and birth parents considering placing their children for adoption in English and other languages, including accepting consents and relinquishments forms required to place their child for adoption.	10	5		50	1.0 AS
	TOTAL				**1,800**	**1.0 AS**

WORKLOAD ANALYSIS for 2026-27
Child and Family Services Division
Adoption Services Branch
1.0 Office Technician (OT)

TASK I.D. #	ACTIVITY / TASK NAME DESCRIPTION	UNITS	HOURS/ UNITS	BASIS FOR WORKLOAD	TOTAL HOURS	STAFF BEING REQUESTED
100	Provides clerical support to the office, receives and directs calls from the public, attorneys, adoptive parents, birth parents, and other collateral professionals regarding adoption processes.	30	30		900	1.0 OT
101	Assists with creating reports using database sequel commands to generate appropriate statistical data reports for managers and for use in meetings with other departmental staff. Assists with maintaining and updating statistical office caseload reports used by office managers to assess workload.	15	15		225	1.0 OT
102	Assists with personnel documents for staff, preparation of travel claims using CalAters, and the submission of the monthly attendance reports and any discrepancies with Personnel.	10	10		100	1.0 OT
103	Assists with the order and maintenance of office supplies/equipment. Assists with the maintenance of files, establishing or revising office procedures and written office procedures and distribution to staff.	10	10		100	1.0 OT
104	Assists with the reports of computer and printer problems to departmental technical staff.	10	10		100	1.0 OT
105	Assists staff with various office policies and procedures and provides staff with appropriate manuals, websites and/or documents for clarification.	10	10		100	1.0 OT
106	Assists with the preparation of correspondence as a result of incoming questions from the public, attorneys, county officials, and other responses required, arrange conference calls, virtual meetings and coordinate trainings.	5	15		75	1.0 OT
107	Assists with the preparation and accurate completion of adoption forms, reports and legal agreements.	10	15		150	1.0 OT
108	Assists with the creation and maintenance of the adoption case files and case file storage per protocol.	5	10		50	1.0 OT
	TOTAL				**1,800**	**1.0 OT**


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CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION
September 2025
Current
ADOPTION SERVICES BRANCH
CEA
Research Data Specialist II
Office Technician
Approved:
Branch Chief
POST PERMANENCY SERVICES UNIT
Staff Services Manager I
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Office Technician
ADOPTION POLICY AND SUPPORT BUREAU
Staff Services Manager II
Staff Services Manager I Sp
Staff Services Manager III
ADOPTION SUPPORT UNIT
Staff Services Manager I
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Office Technician
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ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SUPPORT UNIT
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ADOPTION POLICY UNIT
Staff Services Manager I
Social Service Consultant III
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
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Management Services Technician
Adoptions Specialist
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Proposed

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Office Technician

Approved:

Branch Chief

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BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Independent Adoption Program (SB 450)

BR Name: 5180-056-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
Salaries and Wages Earnings - Temporary Help	0	139	139	0	0	0
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$139**	**$139**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total Staff Benefits	0	99	99	0	0	0
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$238**	**$238**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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	35	6	0	0	0
5302 - Printing	0	2	2	0	0	0
5304 - Communications	0	4	4	0	0	0
5306 - Postage	0	2	2	0	0	0
5320 - Travel: In-State	0	6	6	0	0	0
5322 - Training	0	4	4	0	0	0
5324 - Facilities Operation	0	18	18	0	0	0
5326 - Utilities	0	2	2	0	0	0
5344 - Consolidated Data Centers	0	24	24	0	0	0
5346 - Information Technology	0	18	18	0	0	0
539X - Other	0	2	2	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$117**	**$88**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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**	**$355**	**$326**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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	355	326	0	0	0
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$355**	**$326**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$355**	**$326**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
4275019 - Children and Adult Services and Licensing	0	355	326	0	0	0
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$355**	**$326**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Personal Services Details

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
1139 - Office Techn (Typing) (Eff. 07-01-2026)	0	52	52	0	0	0
9423 - Adoptions Spec (Eff. 07-01-2026)	0	87	87	0	0	0
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$139**	**$139**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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	0	0	0
5150200 - Disability Leave - Industrial	0	2	2	0	0	0
5150350 - Health Insurance	0	15	15	0	0	0
5150400 - Life Insurance	0	2	2	0	0	0
5150450 - Medicare Taxation	0	3	3	0	0	0
5150500 - OASDI	0	10	10	0	0	0
5150630 - Retirement - Public Employees - Miscellaneous	0	45	45	0	0	0
5150750 - Vision Care	0	2	2	0	0	0
5150800 - Workers' Compensation	0	2	2	0	0	0
5150900 - Staff Benefits - Other	0	16	16	0	0	0
Total Staff Benefits	**$0**	**$99**	**$99**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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