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
5180-057-BCP-2026-GB	4275019-Children and Adult Services and Licensing

Budget Request Title
Foster Care Transition Planning (AB 896)

Budget Request Summary
The California Department of Social Services requests one-time General Fund of $300,000 in 2026-27 to update, print, and distribute the Foster Youth Bill of Rights to reflect requirements in Chapter 564, Statutes of 2025.

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed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
	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap to enter a date.

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

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

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A. Problem Statement

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Office of Foster Care Ombudsperson (OFCO) requests $300,000 in one-time General Fund in 2026-27 to update, design, publish, and disseminate the Foster Youth Bill of Rights (FYBOR) publications to counties and licensed children's residential facilities statewide. Chapter 564, Statutes of 2025 (AB 896), has modified the FYBOR Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 16001.9, and the CDSS OFCO is mandated, pursuant to WIC section 16164(e), to develop and distribute age and developmentally appropriate material explaining the FYBOR. In addition, all FYBOR material must be translated to the youth's primary language.

Under WIC sections 16001.9 and 16164(a)(e)(2), county social workers and probation officers are mandated and were provided with funding to review the rights of foster youth in an age-appropriate manner and to provide each child and non-minor dependent with a copy of their rights at removal, each subsequent placement change, and every six months thereafter. Health and Safety Code section 1530.91 requires licensed care providers to inform foster youth of their personal rights and requires licensed residential facilities to post the FYBOR in each facility and to use the publications developed by the CDSS OFCO.

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**
Translate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Graphic Design	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Printing	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Distribution	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

B. Justification

The CDSS OFCO's primary duty is to make sure the rights of foster youth are upheld and to address concerns related to their care, placement, or services. Included in these duties, the CDSS OFCO is charged under WIC sections 16001.9 and 16164 with developing and disseminating standardized information on the rights of children and youth in foster care. This chaptered bill modifies the

language of the FYBOR. The CDSS is mandated to provide accurate and up-to-date FYBOR material for distribution to all foster youth. The CDSS OFCO developed age and developmentally appropriate publications to meet the needs of the foster care population, including a coloring book for children. All those publications must be updated, translated, and reprinted to reflect changes to the law.

The CDSS OFCO is required to develop standardized and age-appropriate informational materials for foster youth and foster youth facilities. To this end, working in conjunction with various stakeholders, the CDSS OFCO developed a teen handbook, a wallet sized accordion, and a coloring book explaining foster youth rights. These materials were finalized in November 2020 and are required to be provided to approximately 37,000 foster youth in California as they enter foster care, upon each subsequent placement, and every six months thereafter. County child welfare agencies and probation departments are mandated to use the standardized materials created by the CDSS OFCO.

In addition to the above age specific informational materials, any facility licensed to provide foster care for six or more children are required to post a listing of the foster child's rights developed by the CDSS OFCO. Moreover, the CDSS OFCO is required to provide these posters to all licensed foster care facilities.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

AB 896 places requirements on county placement agencies to ensure transition plans are created and implemented whenever youth must change placements. This proposal enables the CDSS OFCO to revise and distribute the FYBOR to reflect AB 896 requirements.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

The expected outcome is that the CDSS OFCO will produce updated materials for distribution.

Projected Outcomes

Workload Measure	CY	BY	BY+1	BY+2	BY+3	BY+4
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

E. Implementation Plan

Upon the approval of the resources, the CDSS OFCO will implement the following plan:

1. Start the updates to language and design process within the first month.
2. Engage with stakeholders and Tribes on modifications.
3. Receive feedback from stakeholders and Tribes, incorporate feedback as appropriate and finalize publications.
4. Engage Language Service Unit, to translate the FYBOR Handbook, Coloring book & Poster, by May 2027.
5. Contract for Publication of new material by June 2027.
6. Post PDF versions of translated materials on the CDSS OFCO website by June 2027.
7. Complete printing and begin distribution of update materials by January 2028.

F. Supplemental Information (If Applicable)

N/A

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Foster Care Placement Transition Planning (AB 896)

BR Name: 5180-057-BCP-2026-GB

Budget Request Summary

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
5340 - Consulting and Professional Services - External	0	300	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$300**	**$0**	**$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**	**$300**	**$0**	**$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	300	0	0	0	0
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$300**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$300**	**$0**	**$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	300	0	0	0	0
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$300**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**