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Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee

Update on the Governor's Proposed 2019-20 Budget

Executive Summary: This agenda item provides an update on the sections of the Governor's proposed 2019-20 budget that relate to the Commission.

Recommended Action: For information only

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Strategic Plan Goal

IV. Operational Effectiveness

- b) Align human and financial resources with Commission priorities and offer staff opportunities for development to maximize professional engagement and performance.
- c) Demonstrate professionalism and accountability for high standards of practice in all Commission operations.

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Introduction

On May 9, 2019, Governor Newsom submitted his May Revision of his proposed spending plan for the 2019-20 fiscal year to the Legislature. This agenda item provides an updated overview of the budget proposed for the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Background

The Constitution requires the Governor, within the first 10 days of each calendar year, to submit to the Legislature a budget for the ensuing fiscal year that contains itemized statements for recommended state expenditures and estimated state revenues. The Administration updates its revenue estimates and makes final adjustments to its proposals in the released May Revision. The Legislature then has until June 15 to pass the budget. When passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, the Budget Act provides the fiscal details needed to manage the appropriation.

The Commission is a special-fund agency supported entirely by fees from two primary sources: credential application fees, which are the primary source of revenue for the Teacher Credential Fund (TCF) and educator exam fees, which fund the Teacher Development and Assessment Account (TDAA).

Proposed 2019-20 May Revise Budget

The Commission's proposed 2019-20 May Revise budget is provided on the state's Department of Finance's website at <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/budget/2019-20MR/#/Department/6360>.

The Administration did provide some changes to the budget for the Commission in the May Revision. Recognizing the importance of the work done by the Commission's investigators within the Division of Professional Practices (DPP), the Governor proposed making permanent three temporary positions currently working in DPP (one attorney and two special investigators). These positions are on top of the funding provided in January for one-time funds to support a Special Education Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) and a full-time position to support the TPA work within the Commission.

The Administration has proposed the following, including changes made during the May Revision, for the Commission's 2019-20 budget:

- A total operating budget of \$29,615,000.
- A continued expenditure authority of \$5,591,000 to help support the Attorney General's discipline workload.

- An increase of \$1.235 million in one-time TDAA expenditure authority in order to support the development of a Special Education Teaching Performance Assessment.
- Total authorized permanent positions of 147.6, which is an increase of 4.0 positions.

Next Steps

The Governor's May Revision provides the framework for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Through the initial work of the Budget subcommittees in both houses of the Legislature, and the ongoing negotiations between the Governor and legislative leaders, a compromise budget must be reached. Legislation must be proposed and passed by the legislature by June 15, in order to meet their Constitutional deadline. Commission staff will continue to monitor these negotiations and provide input and advice where appropriate.