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AB 2808 (Muratsuchi) Increased LCFF Targets
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ISSUE

In 2013-14, California enacted the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), replacing the state's categorical grant education funding model. LCFF was designed to provide districts with greater discretion over how funds are utilized to educate students at the local level, with an emphasis on providing additional resources to students with the greatest needs. The new funding formula promised to return districts to their 2007-08 funding level, over the course of seven years, fully funding targets by 2020-21.

In the 2018-19 budget, the Governor has proposed to fully fund LCFF 2 years ahead of schedule, dedicating \$3 billion in new funding to the formula. However, at full implementation of LCFF, California will still retain among the lowest per-pupil funding rates in the nation. California school districts will continue to face a dilemma: the inadequacy of base funding to cover rising fixed costs imposed since the creation of the LCFF.

AB 2808 establishes new, higher LCFF base rate targets funded by growth in the Proposition 98 guarantee to address districts' fixed cost needs and to set forth goals for California to attain, at the very least, the national average in per pupil funding. In its 2018-19 Proposition 98 Education Analysis, the LAO noted that, "Increased base rates would provide both high- and low-poverty districts additional general purpose funding to accommodate these cost pressures."

All districts would benefit from increased investments to public education for a variety of purposes, including: scaling up high school programs to offer a full range of college and career preparation options; additional support for special education; additional support for English language learners; providing a broad range of professional development opportunities for new and veteran teachers; and implementing other strategies designed to enhance student achievement and close the achievement gap.

SOLUTION

AB 2808 uses the existing Local Control Funding Formula and proposes a 60% increase to the 2018-19 cost of LCFF, which is equal to approximately \$35 billion above the current funding level. The funding increase is intended to ensure that districts are able to cover increased fixed costs by dedicating 84% of the funds, equal to nearly \$30 billion, to the Base Grant, which provides the greatest spending flexibility for districts.

AB 2808 is also intended to bring California up to the national average in per pupil spending. Once the target funding levels established in the bill have been reached, average per pupil spending in California will be increased to nearly \$13,000.

SUPPORT

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