

Legislative Advocacy

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Agenda

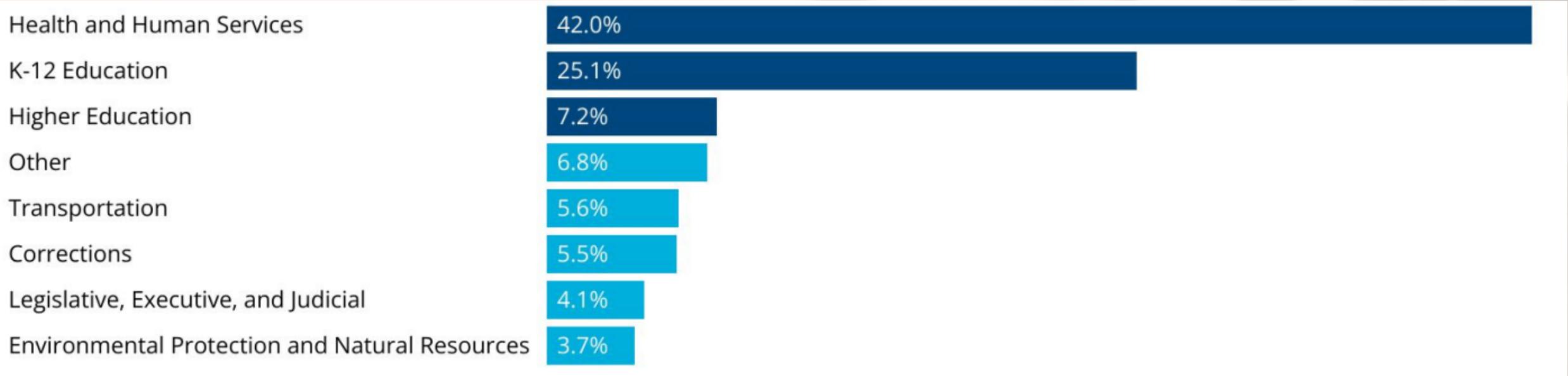
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2026-27 Proposed Budget Highlights

- Proposed Budget released January 9
- \$348.9B State Budget
- Budget deficit- Department of Finance (DOF), Legislative Analyst Office (LAO)

2026-27 Proposed Budget Highlights

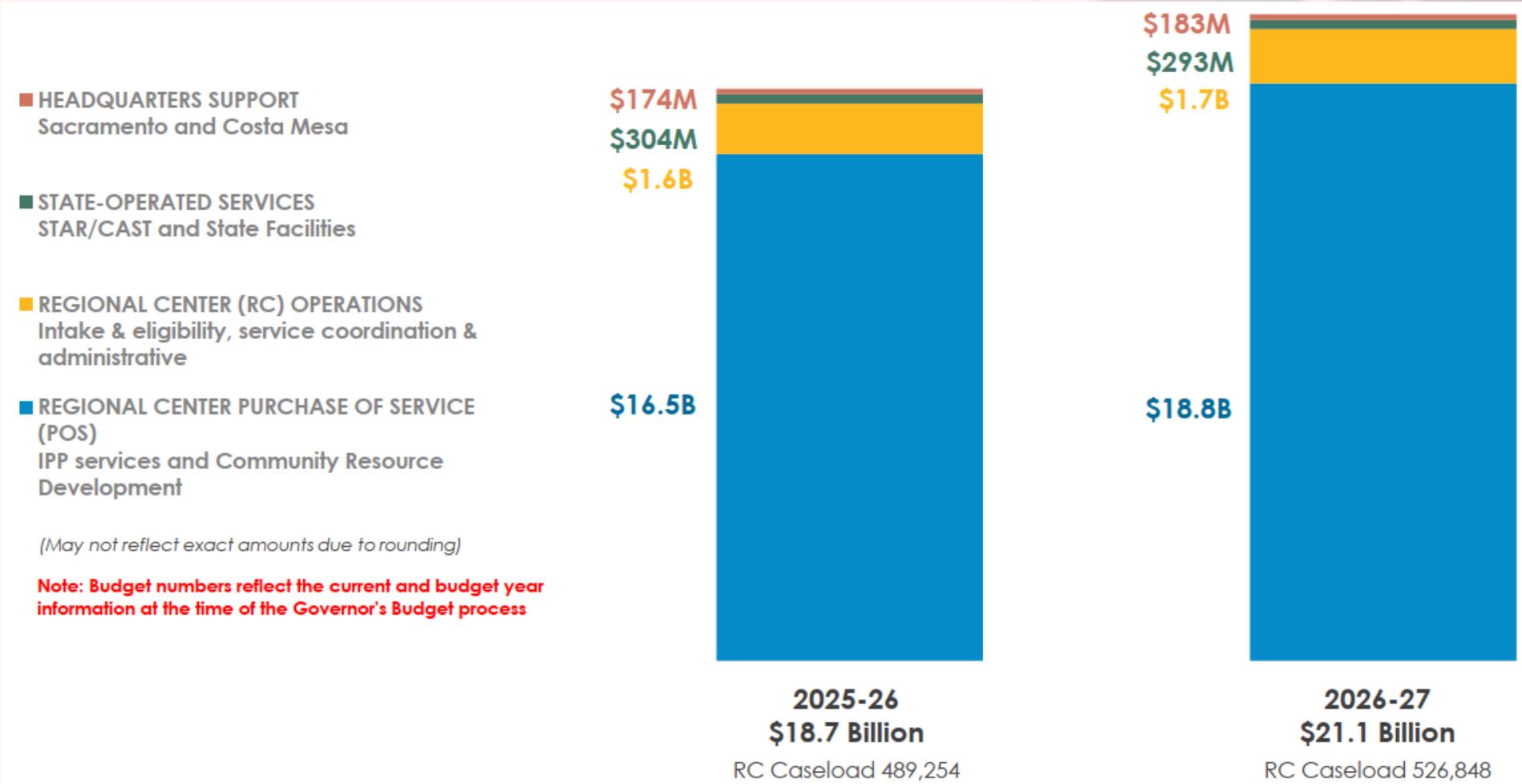
Almost 3 in 4 State Dollars Support Health and Human Services, K-12 Education, or Higher Education (2025-26)



2026-27 Proposed Budget Highlights- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

For the DDS system, the Governor's Budget includes \$21.1 billion for 2026-27.

This is an increase of \$2.4 billion over our current budget.



Source: Department of Developmental Services

2026-27 Proposed Budget Highlights- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

- Caseload Growth- Expected 527,000 (37,594 population increase)
- \$2.4B additional fund for purchase-of-service
- \$128M to support caseload growth
- \$3.2M for full-year implementation of the Public Records Act
- Trailer Bill Language released

2026-27 Proposed Budget Highlights- Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Trailer Bill Language (TBL)

- Rate Reform/Quality Incentive Program Contract Exemption
- Early Intervention Programs Oversight
- Life Outcomes Improvement System
- Remote Services
- Regional Center Oversight /Fiscal Allocation Letter
- Federal Access Rule
- Employment Access Alignment
- Self-Determination Program Administrative Costs Funding
- Regional Center SLS 40-Hour Work Week

2026-27 Proposed Budget Highlights- Next Steps

- Committee Hearings
 - Senate
Budget and Fiscal Review- [Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services](#)
Date: March 26, 2026, at 9:30 am
How to watch live: <https://www.senate.ca.gov/> (under Today's Events section)
 - Assembly
Committee on Budget- [Subcommittee No. 2 Human Services](#)
Date: April 15, 2026, at 1:30 pm
How to watch live: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/schedules-publications/todays-events>
- May Revise

Federal Update- The Budget Reconciliation Law

- On July 4, 2025, the budget reconciliation bill was signed into law by President Trump
- Also referred to as H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the Working Families Tax Cut Legislation, and Public Law 119-21
- Congress approved ~\$1 trillion in cuts to federal Medicaid spending, achieved through a combination of:
- Some Medicaid Provisions of HR 1
 - State financing limits (changes to provider taxes, State Directed Payments)
 - New Administrative Requirements for Expansion Population (New work and community engagement, 6-month redeterminations)
 - New Funding Opportunities (Rural Health Transformative Program, New HCBS Waivers)

Bill Outcome 2025-26 Legislative Session

- ARCA started the year tracking over 60 bills with varying impact on people with disabilities, their families, providers, and regional center operations.
- By the end of the first year (2025) in the two-year legislative session, ARCA had 21 bills left from the support file that made their way through the legislative process and on to the governor.
- In the end, ARCA's final bill count was 16 supported bills that were signed into law by the governor.
- The next slides provide summaries of the changes in law impacting people with disabilities ARCA supported.

2025 Bill Outcome

- [AB 815](#) ([Ortega](#) D) Vehicle insurance: vehicle classification.
- [AB 951](#) ([Ta](#) R) Health care coverage: behavioral diagnoses.
- [AB 1076](#) ([Addis](#) D) Qualified ABLE Program: CalABLE accounts: funding.
- [AB 1172](#) ([Nguyen](#) D) Adult day programs: administration of intranasal emergency antiseizure medications.
- [AB 341](#) ([Arambula](#) D) Oral Health for People with Disabilities Technical Assistance Center Program.

2025 Bill Outcome

- [SB 470](#) ([Laird](#) D) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.
- [AB 349](#) ([Dixon](#) R) Foster care supplement.
- [ACR 55](#) ([Gonzalez, Jeff](#) R) ARC v. Department of Developmental Services: 40th anniversary.
- [AJR 3](#) ([Schiavo](#) D) Public social services: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.
- [HR 24](#) ([Nguyen](#) D) Relative to Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

2025 ARCA Sponsored Bills

- [SB 422](#) ([Grayson D](#)) California Workforce Development Board: developmental services.
- [AB 1172](#) ([Nguyen D](#)) Adult day programs: administration of intranasal emergency antiseizure medications.
- [ACR 55](#) ([Gonzalez, Jeff R](#)) ARC v. Department of Developmental Services: 40th anniversary.

2026 ARCA Sponsored Bills

- AB 2324 (Gonzalez, Jeff) Vocational Education: Youth Caregivers Career Pathway Program
- AB TBD (Arambula) Oral Health Services: Behavior Management
- Concurrent Resolution- 60th Anniversary of the First Two Pilot Regional Centers

Opportunities for Advocacy

- Contact your representative
- Make visits, phone calls
- Attend hearings- give public comments
- Attend and participate in rallies
- Sign up for Action Alerts
 - ARCA Capitol Currents <https://arcanet.org/about-arca/connect-with-us/>
 - ARCA Voter Voice <https://votervoicenet/ARCA/Register>

Sources

- Department of Finance (DOF)

<https://trailerbill.dof.ca.gov/trailerBill.html>

- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/transparency/budget-information/>

- American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) <https://www.ancor.org/>

Questions

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