April 30, 2024

The Honorable Scott D. Wiener, Chair

Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review

Joint Legislative Budget Committee

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**SUBJECT: State-Mandated Program Cost Report of Unpaid Claims and Deficiencies**

Dear Chair Wiener, Chair Gabriel, and Director Stephenshaw:

Pursuant to Government Code section 17562(b)(2), I am providing a report of insufficient appropriations for reimbursement of claims filed with the State Controller's Office for

state-mandated programs. The funding deficiencies are the result of claims received after

April 1, 2023, and claims that were not fully paid in prior years. The deficiencies also include unfunded mandates, which are initial claims filed for new mandated programs that have no prior appropriation, and estimated accrued interest.

The total amount owed to local agencies, school districts, and community college districts is

$1.62 billion ($0.87 billion, $0.74 billion, and $0.01 billion, respectively). This is a $0.16 billion decrease from the prior year’s deficiency of $1.78 billion.

| **Description** | **Local**  **Agencies** | **School**  **Districts** | **Community College Districts** | **Grand Totals** | **Schedules** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Deficiency Summary: Total State-Mandated Program Payable Balances as of April 1, 2023 (From prior-year report)** | **$930,386,456** | **838,566,060** | **10,709,796** | **$1,779,662,312** |  |
| State-Mandated Appropriations: Beginning Appropriations[[1]](#footnote-1) | $181,962,890 | $98,000 | $39,000 | $182,099,890 | **A** |
| Add: Receipts and Recovered Receivables | $4,568,238 | $0 | $0 | $4,568,238 | **A** |
| Less: Payments/Budget Adjustments | $156,708,024 | $24,000 | $0 | $156,732,024 | **A, A1** |
| **State-Mandated Appropriation Balances as of April 1, 2024** | **$29,823,104** | **$74,000** | **$39,000** | **$29,936,104** | **A** |
| State-Mandated Program Payable Balances for Funded Mandates (Claims received as of April 1, 2024) | $462,077,133 | $739,062,996 | $10,709,796 | $1,211,849,925 | **B, B1** |
| State-Mandated Program Payable Balances for Unfunded Mandates (Claims received as of April 1, 2024) | $406,560,031 | $0 | $0 | $406,560,031 | **B, B2** |
| **Subtotal State-Mandated Program Payable Balances** | **$868,637,164** | **$739,062,996** | **$10,709,796** | **$1,618,409,956** | **B** |
| Add: Accrued Interest Payables (Estimated as of June 30, 2024) | $100,973,038 | $108,771,749 | $2,797,041 | $212,541,828 |  |
| **Grand Total State-Mandated Program Payable Balances as of April 1, 2024** | **$969,610,202** | **$847,834,745** | **$13,506,837** | **$1,830,951,784** |  |
| **Net Appropriation Deficiencies as of April 1, 2024** | **$939,787,098** | **$847,760,745** | **$13,467,837** | **$1,801,015,680** |  |

In summary, the estimated $1,801,015,680 deficiency is the amount needed to fully satisfy all state-mandated program liabilities to date. However, the $29,936,104 appropriation balance (reflected on page 1 of the enclosed report) is from the Budget Acts of 2021 through 2023, and is the result of funds remaining after recovered receivables and fulfilled Budget Act provisions. As each Budget Act specifies the programs and fiscal years that may be paid, the $29,936,104 appropriation balance must be re-appropriated before it can be applied to the current outstanding balance of $1,830,951,784.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence and/or the report, please contact Darryl Mar, Manager of the Local Reimbursements Section in our Local Government and Programs Services Division, by email at DMar@sco.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 324-0256.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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Enclosure: State-Mandated Program Cost Report of Unpaid Claims and Deficiencies

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1. Appropriations as of April 1, 2023, except Budget Act of 2023 appropriations are as of July 1, 2023. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)