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Urgent Budget Update

This morning, Senate Budget Subcommittee #4 (Machado, Chair,) convened to hear issues involving OES budget. The hearing turned out to be one of the most flagrant abuses of the democratic process that one could witness. The end result was a reduction of \$506 million by the Senate (Democrats vote to eliminate funding; Republicans voted against the cuts).

After the subcommittee finished their public agenda, they recessed temporarily as law enforcement representatives left the room. According to the published agenda the hearing was concluded. After recessing the hearing, Senator Machado announced suddenly that he would take up items not on the agenda. Within a four minute period of time, Senators Machado (D-San Joaquin) and Kehoe (D-San Diego) had eliminated ALL local law enforcement subventions from the Senate version of the budget. Senator Machado stated as his rationale that these programs only make up 2% of local law enforcement budgets.

Just minutes before the vote, Republicans were told they would be taking up the actions and Democratic recommendations. As you can see in the video link <http://www.calchannel.com/MEDIA/0508C.aspx> (start feed at 50 mins.), the Republican staff and members were very surprised at this sudden move. Obviously, representatives for local government and local law enforcement were not in the room as the move was made just after our exit. The committee voted 2-1 (Machado and Kehoe AYE; Harmon NO) to eliminate all of local subventions for the following programs:

- COPS
- Rural Sheriffs Grant Program
- Local Detention Facility subventions
- MIOCR
- JJCPA
- JPCF
- \$21.5 million reduction from CALMET

By eliminating these programs, \$506.5 million in funding was stripped from local law enforcement programs. Of course, Assembly budget subcommittees have not acted yet so if they take a different action it would have to be resolved in conference committee.

You can view the committee outcome at:

http://www.senate.ca.gov/ftp/SEN/COMMITTEE/STANDING/BFR/_home/Sub4/050808OutKeely.pdf

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