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Good morning -

With budget subcommittee hearings and the release on Wednesday of last week of the <u>Senate Democrats' "Protect Our Progress" budget plan</u>, the week of April 24 was a busy one for the California budget process. As the week concludes, five budget-related bills are emerging in print as the **only** anticipated "early action budget package" for 2023.

The early action budget package is slated to be discussed in the two houses' budget committees during this current week, with Floor action possible as early as May 4. (I will be monitoring both houses for the latest updates on committee schedules.)

As has become fairly standard practice, bills representing budget agreements emerge in print as mirror versions in both the Assembly and Senate. Whether the Assembly Bill (AB) or Senate Bill (SB) version advances to the Governor typically is the result of which house is able to schedule an earlier vote.

This week's "early action items" include:

- Minor changes to this year's budget;
- Early Childhood care;
- Student Loan fees;
- Distressed Hospital loans;

Hearings. A copy of the agenda for Wednesday's scheduled Assembly Budget Committee hearing on the early action package is <u>here</u>. Information for Tuesday's scheduled Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee hearing will be posted <u>here</u>.

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