

**Action/Information Item**

***California Student Aid Commission***

Consideration of the California Student Opportunity and Access Program  
(Cal-SOAP) Changes as a result of the Reduction of \$2.2 Million in  
Cal-SOAP Funding in the 2007-08 Budget Act

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The Commission's California Student Opportunity and Access Program sustained a \$2.2 million reduction through the Governor's veto process in the 2007-08 Budget Act. The Commission is asked to consider the most appropriate way to allocate the reduction from a statewide perspective.

Staff has provided several enclosures to aid the Commission in making this difficult decision. Enclosed are: [Tab 1.a](#)) A summary of 2 Cal SOAP Funding Recommendations for 2007-08 that incorporate the \$2.2 million budget reduction to the statewide allocation; [Tab 1.b](#)) California Education Code Sections 69560–69566 which specify various parameters and requirements for Cal-SOAP.

Additionally, for background purposes only, staff has provided information from our database for the aggregated program ([Tab 1.c](#)) and for each of the currently operating consortium in the following order: [Central Coast](#), [Central Valley](#), [East Bay](#), [Greater Long Beach](#), [Los Angeles](#), [Merced](#), [Northcoast](#), [North Valley](#), [Sacramento](#), [San Diego and Imperial Counties](#), [San Francisco](#), [San Jose](#), [Santa Barbara](#), [Southern San Joaquin Valley](#), and [South County Gilroy](#).

The data represented is from the Commission's database for 2006-07. Staff will continue to work with the project directors and has begun the process to establish work groups to explore appropriate and efficient use of available data to help develop the 2008-09 funding allocation model.

Staff will be available to comment and respond to questions.

**Recommended Action:** Review the alternatives and approve a funding model for 2007-08.

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