

ECAP Analysis Shows President's Budget Will Cost California \$3 Billion

Rep. Tom Delay and the House Republican leadership are pressing efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives to **gut at least \$50 billion** in government programs and services including child nutrition, Medicaid and Medicare, pension insurance, and student loans while steamrolling ahead with a pre-Katrina plan for **\$70 billion in tax cuts** for the wealthiest Americans. The Emergency Campaign for America's Priorities estimates these program cuts will **cost California \$3 billion**.

Specific program cuts and their costs include:

Medi-Cal

The Bush-DeLay-Frist cuts would **gut at least \$1 billion** from Medi-Cal, which provides essential health and medical services to California's most vulnerable citizens, including the elderly, children and people disabilities. In 2003 alone, 6.4 million Californians received Medi-Cal services. Any disruption in Medi-Cal's federal funding stream to the state's Medi-Cal program will only put more pressure on the state budget to provide essential health services.

Foster Care and Adoption Programs

The Bush-DeLay-Frist cuts would **drain \$228 million** from foster care and adoption programs for California's most vulnerable children.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

The Bush-DeLay-Frist cuts would mean **\$1 billion in cuts** to SSI benefits for poor California children, elderly and adults with disabilities.

Food Stamps

If just half of the Bush-DeLay-Frist cuts from the Agriculture Committee come from Food Stamps, it would mean **\$213 million in cuts** to food stamps for Californians. In California, 1.86 million low-income Californians used food stamps each month in 2004.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

The Bush-DeLay-Frist cuts would **slash \$537.7 million** from cash welfare and childcare programs for Californians in need.

What will Californians lose when the Bush-DeLay-Frist cuts are enacted?

- Health care for 3,476,373 Californians
- Head Start for 966,810 California children
- Affordable housing units for 48,873 families
- 154,044 public safety officers

- 912 new elementary schools

Sources: Medicaid/Medi-Cal: Families, USA; Center on Budget & Policy Priorities (CBPP); Coalition on Human Needs (CHN). Other programs affected by budget cuts: CBPP; CHN. Tax Cuts: National Priorities Project