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Assemblymember O'Donnell Applauds Fiscal Responsibility in Revised Budget Proposal

Chair of Assembly Education Committee calls for budget that invests in Education and pays down debt

(SACRAMENTO) – Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (D – Long Beach) issued the following statement Friday in response Governor Brown's revised budget proposal for the coming fiscal year:

"I appreciate and applaud the Governor's commitment to preparing our state for future dips in the economy. I share his perspective that California must live within its means.

"We have a significant budget surplus, and we are in a position to pay down long-term debt and put California in a more fiscally responsible place. The Governor's revised budget proposal is cautious and holds onto the majority of our surplus. A reserve is responsible, but paying off debt is both responsible **and** strategic.

"As a parent, a teacher, and Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, I strongly support increased funding for education, because investing in our students is investing in the future of California. I applaud the Governor for understanding the importance of K-12 Vocational Ed/Career Technical Education (CTE), and I look forward to further discussion on how the funds will be allocated. These programs not only reduce drop-out rates, but they also strengthen the California workforce and economy in the long term.

"I look forward to a collaborative effort with my colleagues in the Legislature to develop a responsible budget that prioritizes education and pays down debt."

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Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell represents the 70th Assembly District, which includes Long Beach, Signal Hill, San Pedro and Catalina Island.

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