California State University Issues Response to Democratic Budget Proposal

The following statement can be attributed to Chancellor Charles B. Reed, California State University

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(June 15, 2011) - "The legislature's Democratic leadership intends to move a budget package today through the Senate and Assembly that closes the remaining $9.6 billion gap without the extensions of temporary tax increase proposed by Governor Brown. To close the remaining gap, the plan relies on a mix of additional cuts and revenue actions, including an additional cut to the CSU of $150 million. This would bring the total reduction in state support for the system to $650 million or 23 percent.

"The CSU’s budget has already been reduced by $500 million, and additional cuts to our campuses and programs are not a viable option if we are to maintain student access to quality programs, courses and services. Because of this, we have previously indicated that if our budget was cut further, we would have no choice but to increase revenue by raising student tuition and limiting enrollment. While the final budget is still to be approved, the proposed additional $150 million cut will impact our current students and those wishing to enroll at the CSU."

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