The revenue declines ($41.2 billion), combined with $7.1 billion in health and human services caseload funding level by $18.3 billion General Fund for K-12 schools and community colleges. Under Proposition 98's constitutional calculation, this revenue decline results in a lower than required increase and other expenditures of approximately $6 billion (the majority in response to COVID) will result in an overall budget deficit of approximately $54.3 billion, of which $13.4 billion occurs in the current year and $40.9 billion occurs in the 2020-21 budget year.

DOF projects that General Fund revenues will decline by $41.2 billion below January projections as compared to the January forecast, the state's three main General Fund revenue sources are projected to drop for 2020-21 and a comparison of the current recession to past economic downturns. Compared to the LAO's fiscal update of February 2020, the LA County Department of Public Health Safer at Home Order prohibits all public and private gatherings. The order does not allow any exemptions for graduation gatherings of any type in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. This means all in-person graduation ceremonies, including use of cars for drive-by events, are prohibited.

Graduation Ceremonies — May/June 2020

Passed in October 2019, the law requires middle schools and high schools to begin no earlier than 8 am and 8:30 am, respectively. The law exempts rural schools.

The law requires implementation by July 1, 2022, or the date on which a school district's collective bargaining agreement operative on January 1, 2020 expires, whichever is later. The law does not prohibit school districts from implementing later start times prior to July 1, 2022.

LACOE's Governmental Relations team has requested a delay in the implementation of SB 328, along with other flexibility and waiver requests for schools. The request is under consideration by the DOF.