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The Impact of Federal Budget Cuts from FY10-FY13 on State and Local Public Safety: Results from a Survey of Criminal Justice Practitioners. Vera Institute of Justice. Nov. 18, 2013. 12 p.
<http://www.vera.org/pubs/impact-federal-budget-cuts-public-safety>

In the summer of 2013, the National Criminal Justice Association and the Vera Institute of Justice conducted a national online survey of 1,226 state and local criminal justice practitioners regarding enacted and anticipated impacts of federal budget cuts. This report “includes summary data as well as respondents’ descriptions in their own words about how these cuts have impacted their organizations’ work in the field, or may do so in the future.”

ECONOMY

UCLA Anderson Forecast for the Nation and California. UCLA Anderson School of Management. Dec. 2013. 104 p.
(Available at the California State Library)

“California continues to be a story of two economies: coastal regions with healthy job growth and inland areas that are still struggling to recover.... [C]oastal counties stretching from Marin to San Diego have enjoyed employment gains that outpaced the U.S. In contrast, inland areas such as the San Joaquin Valley and the East Bay are showing little or even negative growth.... The uneven recovery aside, UCLA economists expect the state’s economy to continue growing.... The national economy is also expected to experience a slow by steady recovery. (*Los Angeles Times*, Dec. 5, 2013).

EDUCATION

California State University's Extended Education: It Is Unclear Whether Supplanting Occurred, and Campuses Did Not Always Document Their Adherence to Laws, Policies, and Procedures. California State Auditor. Dec. 2013. 104 p.
<http://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2012-113.pdf>

California State University campuses “may have replaced State-supported courses with extended education courses” and “could not demonstrate they followed the California State University” policies for setting course fees for the courses. Since extended education courses are more expensive than the state-supported classes they may have replaced, this could have been a method of keeping class offerings numerous as state funding was reduced during the most recent recession.

Putting Summer to Work: A Series of Reports on the Development of High-quality Summer Learning Programs in California. Summer Matters. Nov. 2013. 45 p.
<http://summermatters2you.net/putting-summer-to-work/>

“Three reports ... explore how high quality summer learning programs in six diverse communities across California impact students and their teachers. They demonstrate that summer is an essential time for districts and their community partners to support student learning, particularly given the well-documented reality of summer learning loss for students from low-income families and English language learners.” The reports tie summer learning to districts’ ability to meet time-sensitive priorities around Common Core implementation, social-emotional growth, and teacher and staff development.

EMPLOYMENT

California Voters Taking More Negative View of Labor Unions. Bay Area Voters Support a Ban on Public Transit Workers' Right to Strike, While Voters Statewide are Divided. The Field Poll. Dec. 13, 2013. 6 p.

<http://www.field.com/fieldpollonline/subscribers/RIs2458.pdf>

"California voter views of labor unions have taken a decidedly negative turn over the past two and one-half years.... Californians [are] sharply divided on the question of whether public transit workers should be allowed to go on strike, with 47% feeling they should continue to have this right, while 44% believe they shouldn't. Voters in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, who faced a paralyzing strike by its Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) workers in both July and October and who face the possibility of a third strike, are more likely than voters elsewhere to oppose public transit workers having the right to strike."

ENERGY

Estimating Policy-driven Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trajectories in California: The California Greenhouse Gas Inventory Spreadsheet (GHGIS) Model. By Jeffery B. Greenblatt. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Nov. 2013. 102 p.

<http://eetd.lbl.gov/sites/all/files/lbnl-6451e.pdf>

"A California Greenhouse Gas Inventory model was developed to explore the impact of combinations of state policies on state greenhouse gas (GHG) and regional criteria pollutant emissions.... Three scenarios were developed that attempt to model: (1) all committed policies, (2) additional, uncommitted policy targets and (3) potential technology and market futures.... Results indicate that all three scenarios are able to meet the 2020 statewide GHG targets.... However, none of the scenarios are able to meet the 2050 GHG target ... so additional policies will need to be developed for California to meet this stringent future target."

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

State Revenue Report. By Lucy Dadayan, et al. Rockefeller Institute of Government. Dec. 2013. 26 p.

http://www.rockinst.org/pdf/government_finance/state_revenue_report/2013-12-10-SRR_93.pdf

"Total state tax collections showed growth for the fourteenth consecutive quarter. Overall state tax revenues increased by 9% in the second quarter of 2013 compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to data collected by the Rockefeller Institute and the Census Bureau. The Institute's findings indicate slightly weaker fiscal conditions for states than the preliminary data released in September 2013 by the Census Bureau, which reported an overall increase of 9.4%."

HEALTH

Views on End-of-Life Medical Treatments. By Cary Funk, et al. Pew Research Center. Nov. 21, 2013. 88 p.

<http://www.pewforum.org/2013/11/21/views-on-end-of-life-medical-treatments/>

"[A] Pew Research Center survey on end-of-life decisions finds most Americans say there are some circumstances in which doctors and nurses should allow a patient to die. At the same time, however, a growing minority says that medical professionals should do everything possible to save a patient's life *in*

all circumstances.” This survey covers the American public’s attitude toward physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill, as well as treatment options and end-of-life choices for the aging.

HUMAN SERVICES

***A New Majority: Low Income Students in the South and Nation.* Southern Education Foundation. Oct. 2013. 18 p.**

<http://www.southerneducation.org/cmspages/getfile.aspx?guid=0bc70ce1-d375-4ff6-8340-f9b3452ee088>

Low income students comprise a near-majority of the nation’s public school children (48%) and are half or more of all students in the South and the West. “A majority of public school children in 17 states, one-third of the 50 states across the nation, were low income students—eligible for free or reduced lunches—in the school year that ended in 2011. Thirteen of the 17 states were in the South, and the remaining four were in the West.” California’s percentage of low income students in 2011 was 54%.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

***New Arrivals at the California Research Bureau.* California Research Bureau.**

http://catalog.library.ca.gov/F/?func=file&file_name=new-titles-crb

This resource provides a monthly list of materials recently added to the California Research Bureau's (CRB) collection. They include items that support public policy issues of interest to our clientele—the governor, state legislature, and other state-wide elected officials and their staff. CRB makes every effort to provide quality resources to assist our clients.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

***Addressing Future Capacity Needs in the U.S. Aviation System.* Eno Center for Transportation. Nov. 2013. 72 p.**

<https://www.enotrans.org/wp-content/uploads/wpsc/downloadables/US-Travel2.pdf>

“[T]he U.S. aviation network in its current state is unlikely to provide adequate capacity to accommodate projected growth in passengers over the next 20 years.... The four airports selected for detailed review—John F. Kennedy International (JFK), Newark Liberty International (EWR), Los Angeles International (LAX), and San Francisco International (SFO)—were chosen due to their status as major hubs and international gateways, their projected growth, and their capacity constraints.... The paper concludes by presenting a number of policy recommendations to overcome those barriers by better orienting federal policy towards the national benefits of reducing congestion in our aviation network.”

VETERANS

***Veterans and Homelessness.* By Libby Perl. Congressional Research Service. RL34024. Nov. 29, 2013. 46 p.**

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL34024.pdf>

“Researchers have found both male and female veterans to be overrepresented in the homeless population [and] veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who are at risk of homelessness may not receive the services they need. In addition, concerns have arisen about the needs of female veterans, whose numbers are increasing....” This report provides an overview of the problem, an overview of the

federal government's programs created to serve homeless veterans, and specific issues regarding veterans and homelessness.

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