



## Information Alert #7: Special Session Ends

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The Special Session ended late Monday night with the House and Senate agreeing to a budget ([HB1](#)) that fully funds the LA Department of Health (LDH) and protects services for individuals with developmental disabilities and other vulnerable populations. However, legislators failed to pass major revenue-raising measures needed to fix the state's looming fiscal cliff beginning July 1st. This lack of sufficient revenue resulted in significant cuts to higher education, TOPS, public safety, and other state agencies in the budget.

Having vetoed a similar budget just a few weeks ago, Governor Edwards has not yet announced if he plans to sign this version of HB1. The Governor has made it clear he will issue a call for a third Special Session stating "It will be a short, concentrated special session" that will end before July 1st.

Thank you to all members who called, emailed, and visited with your legislators to advocate for fully funding LDH. Your advocacy worked! More information about the upcoming Special Session and possible advocacy opportunities will be shared in the coming days.

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