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COUNTY STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF FEDERAL BUDGET RECONCILIATION

As passed by the U.S. Congress, the federal budget reconciliation bill makes deep cuts to health insurance (Medicaid/Medi-Cal) and food assistance (SNAP/CalFresh) programs that provide essential safety net services to a third of Santa Cruz County residents.

"It's incredibly disheartening that the House passed a revised budget bill, which now includes even deeper Medicaid and SNAP cuts added by the Senate, impacting our most vulnerable community members," said Chair Felipe Hernandez of the Board of Supervisors. "However, our commitment to serving those who need us most remains strong, and our work is even more vital during these challenging and uncertain times."

The County is analyzing the potential local impacts and coordinating with local partners who work alongside us in service to the community. On May 20th, the County Executive Office presented the Board of Supervisors with federal budgets concerns, detailing the anticipated cascading state and local impacts of the federal bill.

We anticipate the California Legislature will hold a special session this fall to review the final federal budget and determine if State budget changes are necessary in response. County leadership will share more information as it becomes available.

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