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## **ICYMI: Legislators Lining Up To Spend New And Higher Taxes**

*As state collects higher than anticipated revenues, some legislators are already seeking to spend the funds*

(SACRAMENTO) –California's treasury has collected at least \$4 billion above budget projections, but some democratic legislators are already planning for new and higher taxes and how to spend the windfall in tax revenue. Legislators have announced wanting to spend around \$1 billion more than was proposed by the governor earlier this year, but at the same time many are calling for new and higher taxes on everything from tobacco to oil severance and increasing taxes on small businesses via split-roll property taxes.

Teresa Casazza, president of the California Taxpayers Association and co-chair of Californians Against Higher Taxes (CAHT), recently noted that, "with the state collecting billions in unanticipated surplus revenue, and the controller reporting that all three major sources of state revenue are coming in higher than expected, there is ample money to fund vital government programs like education. The Legislature should not be asking Californians to pay higher taxes when the state is flush with cash."

### ***Sacramento Bee:* Dan Walters: California tax bonanza becomes a big problem**

An expanding state economy and a temporary sales and income tax increase are flooding the state treasury with money...

...There's so much money that how to spend it is becoming a political problem...

...Were it to continue into 2016, it could undermine efforts of unions and other pro-spending groups to persuade voters to extend, or even make permanent, the temporary tax increases and impose other new taxes.

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### ***Los Angeles Times:* Tax credit, road repairs on budget wish list from Assembly Democrats**

As California tax coffers burst with higher-than-expected revenue, Assembly Democrats on Tuesday detailed some of the ways they want to use the money...

Although the outline didn't come with specific price tags, Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) said the ideas could involve spending about \$1 billion more than Gov. Jerry Brown proposed earlier this year...

Atkins also wants to push forward with her previous proposal for a new fee to help fund road repairs. She hopes to eventually provide \$2 billion more for maintenance efforts, which have languished for years as funding has failed to keep up with potholes.

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