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**California Tax Foundation's Latest Report Identifies
More Than \$273 Billion in Proposed Tax and Fee Measures**
Governor Brown approves more than \$200 million in new taxes and fees

(SACRAMENTO)—The California Tax Foundation today released its updated “Tax Watch” report in which it identified the sum total of taxes and fees considered during the 2018 legislative session.

“Despite signing a \$201 billion budget plan with a surplus of nearly \$9 billion, Governor Brown also approved new measures totaling more than \$200 million in additional higher taxes and fees,” said California Taxpayers Association President and CEO Teresa Casazza, Co-Chair of Californians Against Higher Taxes (CAHT).

In addition to approving the largest budget plan in decades, lawmakers introduced more than 30 bills with a price tag of \$273 billion annually in new or increased taxes and fees. The foundation’s [Tax Watch](#) followed these measures and reported the fiscal impact of each. Some of the most expensive measures included a proposal to tax services used by employers, as well as a \$200 billion tax increase to establish and fund a government-run healthcare system.

While the most expensive bills failed the Legislature, Governor Brown received bills proposing more than \$263 million in new taxes and fees. The 2019-20 legislative session brings with it new opportunities for many of these bills to be reintroduced.

“With a new legislative session beginning in January, the foundation’s Tax Watch report will continue to be an effective tool in helping CAHT track new tax- and fee-related bills and the fiscal impact associated with these measures,” Casazza said.

Californians Against Higher Taxes (CAHT) is a statewide taxpayer advocacy association that advocates against specific new, higher and targeted taxes that will negatively impact residents and businesses.