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## NYPIRG REACTS TO ONE-HOUSE BUDGET BILLS

This week, both houses released their “one house” budget bills. Now lawmakers’ attention will turn to negotiating differences. Below are key policy areas where NYPIRG has advocated and for which the Governor, the Senate, and the Assembly have established budget positions.

ISSUE	GOVERNOR	SENATE	ASSEMBLY	NYPIRG RECOMMENDATION
Requires Climate Polluters To Fund Related Damages, <i>Not NY Taxpayers</i>	N/A	Big oil/gas companies pay a GHG fee for a Climate Change Cost Recovery program	N/A	Support Senate proposal which refers to Climate Change Superfund Act S2129/A3351
Require All New Buildings be Electric, per Scoping Plan by 2025/2028	Requires small buildings by 12/31/2025, large by 12/31/2028, w/ <i>many</i> exemptions.	Requires buildings below 7 floors be electrified by 12/31/2024, large by 7/1/2028.	Requires buildings below 7 floors be electrified by 12/31/2025, large by 12/31/2028.	Support Senate proposal with AEBA timeline of 2024/2027 dates in S562A/A920A.
Packaging Reduction & Recycling Act	Requires only 15% waste reduction in 10 years.	Requires 50% waste reduction in 12 years. S4246/A5322	N/A	Support the Senate proposal.
Expansion of Bottle Deposit Law	N/A	Expanded coverage of beverages, dime deposit. (S273)	N/A	Support Senate. <i>New</i> revenue \$51-229 million.
Cigarette tax	Raises the tax by \$1, no additional spending on tobacco control	Agrees with Gov, adds \$30 million to tobacco control	Agrees with Gov. adds \$15 million to Cancer Services, Tobacco Programs	Support Senate proposal, add similar increases for other tobacco products
Flavored tobacco ban	Gov recommends ban	N/A	N/A	Support Gov’s proposal
Hospitals’ “indigent care” assistance	Creates a uniform charity care application must use	N/A	N/A	Support Gov and use S1366 for expansion
Public college tuition	Proposes annual increases up to 3%, and additional 6% at SUNY University Ctrs	Rejects the proposed tuition hike, except for out-of-state students	Rejects the proposed tuition hike and freezes tuition	Support Assembly proposal and advocate for free public college tuition
Funding for college opportunity programs	Proposes cuts to EOP, HEOP, CUNY SEEK, C-STEP and STEP, and the CUNY Murphy Institute. Provides flat funding for CUNY ASAP	Restores cuts and increases funding for CUNY SEEK, C-STEP and STEP, and CUNY Murphy Institute, HEOP, EOP, EOCs	Restores cuts and expands CUNY SEEK, C-STEP and STEP, College Discovery, CUNY Murphy Institute, HEOP, EOP, EOCs	Support Senate and Assembly proposals

Public College Base Aid	Provides flat funding for CUNY and SUNY, including now-recurring funding that was allocated as "one-time" in the final budget last year	Adds an additional \$149 million to CUNY and \$151 million to SUNY in operating aid above the Executive	Adds additional \$246 million to CUNY, adds additional \$200 million to SUNY plus additional \$69 million for SUNY hospital debt, adds enhanced M.O.E. requires systems to review enrollment impacts	Support Senate and Assembly plans and fund a New Deal for CUNY and analogous funding for SUNY
Community College funding	Establishes a 100 percent funding floor using 2022-23 reference year	Adds \$8.7 million to CUNY community colleges, adds \$16.7 million to SUNY community colleges	Adds \$8 million to CUNY community colleges, adds \$16.7M to SUNY community colleges	Support Senate additions and set funding floor at 100% of the 2019-2020 level and increase per-FTE base aid to \$3250
Financial Aid Programs	Flat funding for TAP, Bundy Aid, and Excelsior Scholarship	Increases funding to Bundy Aid by \$3.5 million	Provides \$9.4 million to expand TAP income threshold from \$80K to \$100K	Support Assembly and increase the threshold to \$125,000, and support Bundy Aid increase
College Student Services	Cuts campus mental health services, does not include the Hunger Free Campus Act, maintains funding for open textbooks	Restores campus mental health service funding, adds funding to community college campus childcare	Restores campus mental health service funding, restores childcare funding, provides \$1 million to fight campus hunger	Support Assembly proposals
Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Tax	Increases the tax from .34% to .5%	Rejects the increase	Rejects the increase	Accept the PMT increase, add funding to avert the proposed fare hike and increase subway and bus service
Fare costs	Proposes a 5.5% fare hike	Rejects the fare hike	Adds \$196.9 million rejects fare hike	Support the Senate and Assembly plans
Bus service	N/A	Supports pilot program for two free buses in each borough	Proposes \$50 million for two free buses in each borough	Support the Senate and Assembly plans
Public financing of elections	Gov proposes \$25 million for the program	Senate agrees provides \$15 million for elections and \$2 million for the NYS Elections Database and Institute, and \$15 million.	Assembly agrees and adds \$10 million for elections	Support Senate