A faded background image of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, spanning across the water. The bridge's towers and suspension cables are visible against a light sky.

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Defining the Goal

Affordable = No tradeoffs between paying for water and paying for other basic goods?

- Percent of median income?
- Multi-factor analysis?

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https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/assistance/docs/2018/notice_20180405.pdf



AB 401 & SB 998

AB 401 (2015)

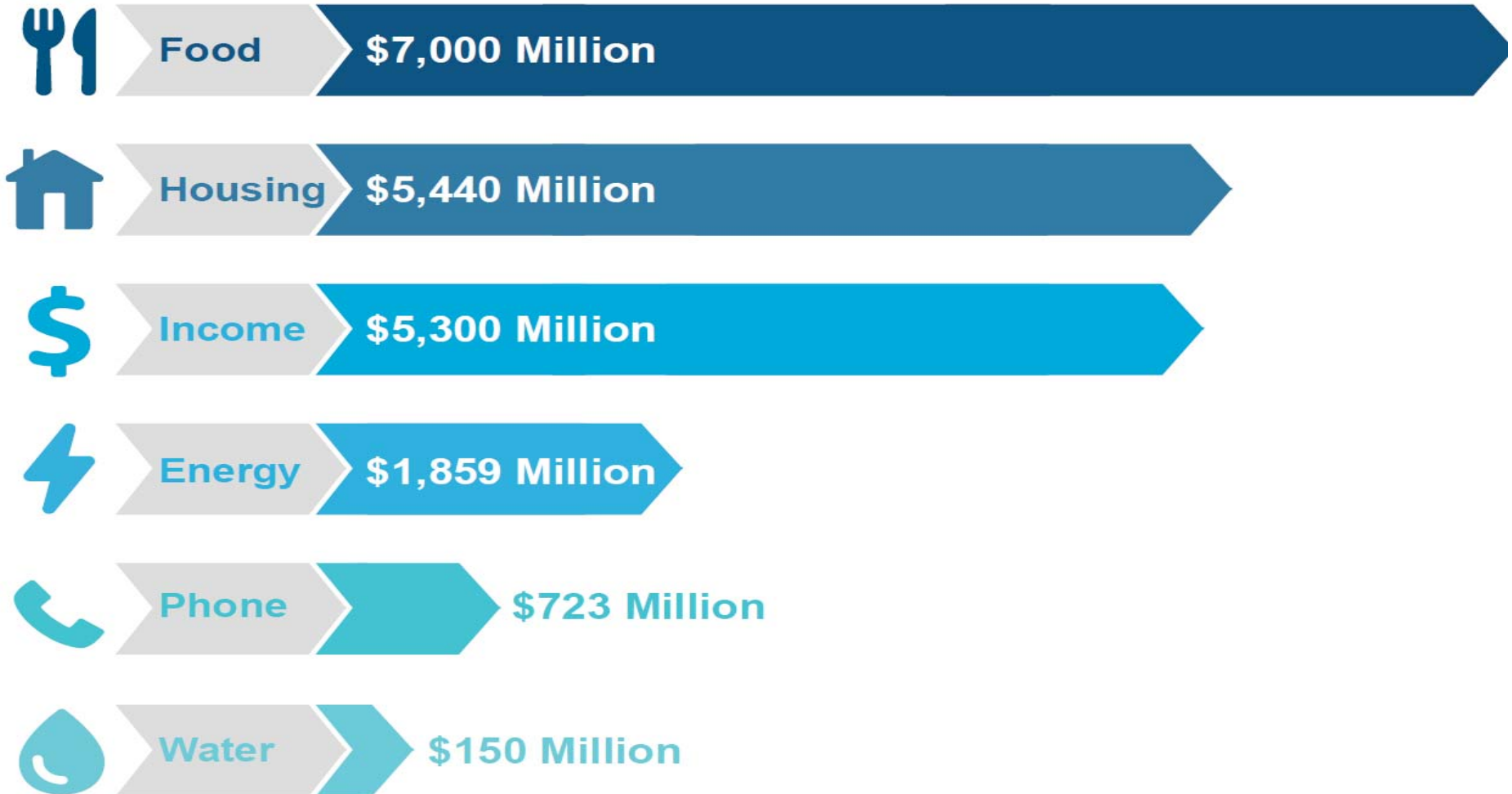
- Statewide low-income rate assistance program
 - Revenue collection
 - Benefit delivery
 - Administration & oversight

SB 998 (2018)

- Shutoff protections & due process



STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AFFORDABILITY OF HOUSEHOLD'S BASIC NEEDS IN CALIFORNIA



Calculated using publicly-available program expenditure data from 2015-2016. Income support shown here is based on expenditure for the calWORKS program, which provides cash aid and services to eligible needy families. Housing support shown here is based on all forms of federal rental assistance in California.



66% Increase from 2007 to 2015



Statistics

<u>GDP</u>	\$2.603 trillion (2016)
GDP growth	2.9% (2016) ^[1]
GDP per capita	\$66,310 (2016) ^[2]
Population below <u>poverty line</u>	16.4% (absolute) ^[3] 23.5% (relative) ^[4]
Labor force	18,600,000 (June 2014) ^[5]
Unemployment	4.8% (April 2017) ^[6]

Source: Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_of_California