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## Statement on Legislative Approval of the 2021-22 State Budget

**(Sacramento)** – Today, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez (D- Pomona), Chair of the Committee on Emergency Management, issued the following statement after the Legislature approved the 2021-22 State Budget:

“This year’s approved State Budget shows California’s commitment to strengthening the future in all aspects. With increased funding for both our K-12 students and those pursuing higher education, I am delighted to invest in our state’s future leaders. We are also investing in families by providing direct relief checks to help with fuel prices, food costs, and more,” **said Assemblymember Rodriguez.**

“As Chair of the Committee on Emergency Management, I am proud of our investments to improve the state’s response efforts. For wildfire response, this year’s budget appropriates \$96 million to CalFire for the acquisition of four S70i Fire Hawk helicopters so that our firefighters can approach these mega-fires that are increasing in frequency from all angles. Additionally, this year’s budget provides an ongoing \$17.1 million for the California Early Earthquake Warning System. As you know, we are overdue for another major earthquake. I am pleased to see our state preparing for these disasters rather than waiting until it is too late and we have to deal with the preventable loss of lives and infrastructure.”

*For more information on the 2022-23 California State Budget, visit [www.ebudget.ca.gov](http://www.ebudget.ca.gov).*

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*Assemblymember Rodriguez ([Twitter](#)) represents the 52nd Assembly District which includes the cities of Chino, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, and portions of unincorporated Fontana. He is Chair of the Assembly Committee on Emergency Management.*