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# Academic Senate Update

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*February 10, 2026*

# OUTLINE

**CSU Budget Update**

**Year-Round Operations (YRO) Update**

# 2026-27 CSU Budget Plan: Revenue & Expenditures

	(in millions)
<b>Total 2026-27 CSU Revenue</b>	<b>\$710.5</b>
Restoration of 2025-26 General Fund Reduction	143.8
Year 4 Compact Commitment	100.9
Year 5 Compact Commitment	264.8
Tuition Revenue	201.0
<b>Total 2026-27 CSU Expenditures</b>	<b>\$597.1</b>
CSU Baseline Funding Commitments	323.7
CSU Essential Budget Priorities	273.4
<b>Net Funding</b>	<b>\$113.4 M</b>

# 2026-27 CSU Trustees Budget Plan: Essential Priorities

	(in millions)
Enrollment Growth (1%)	\$57.8
Financial Aid: State University Grant – Enrollment Growth	8.4
Faculty & Staff Compensation Pool (3%)	176.6
Debt Service: Facilities & Infrastructure	25.0
CSU Strategic Plan Priorities	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$273.4 M</b>



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# Year-Round Operations (YRO)

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*More Access. More Innovation. More Learn by Doing.*

# DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

## Sometimes Things have to Change in Order to Stay the Same

- Failure to change and grow will be detrimental to Cal Poly and Learn by Doing
- All others around us are changing and growing – some to survive and some to thrive
- Our option is to thrive
- No margin – No Mission

# WHAT PROBLEMS ARE WE TRYING TO SOLVE?

## Greater access to Cal Poly

Demand for “Ready Day One” Cal Poly graduates

Increase in more diverse graduates to serve California’s economy

For Fall 2025

- Almost 82,000 applicants
- Approximately 60,000 denied admission
- Almost 37,000 Cal Poly qualified denied admission
- Over 30,000 California HS Seniors departed to out-of-state universities

## Help close the California Talent Gap

Cal Poly and a few other universities are positioned to grow

Governor’s Compact for 2026-27 requires 1% (~3,500 R FTES) growth

# THE MODEL WORKS

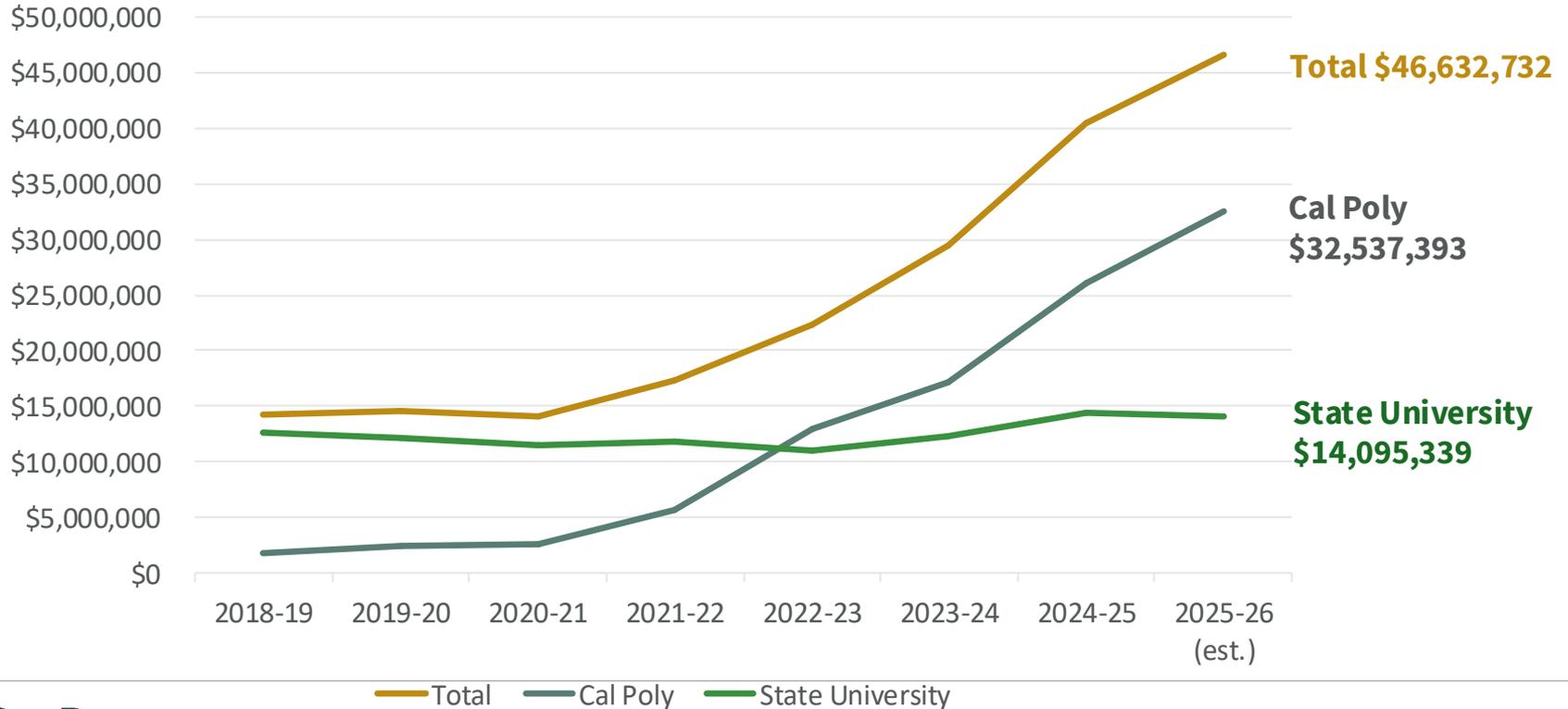
**Driving reasons for integration:**

**Alignment of U's**

**Cal Poly's Financial Aid Model**

# Cal Poly's Investment in Student Success

*Growth in Institutional Grant Aid 2018-2026*



# THE WHY



YRO expands access to enrollment & high impact practices, maximizes campus use, financial resources and strengthens Cal Poly's Learn by Doing model



# Steps that are currently being taken



**Building** on previous work already started by campus leaders.



**Working** with campus colleagues to co-create the structure.



**Developing** timeline & milestones toward implementation.



**Designing** calendar models & decision timelines.



**Engaging** with peer institutions (University of Cincinnati, Dartmouth, Georgia Tech, Waterloo, Purdue, Northeastern).



**Creating** a repository for info & feedback.

# Year-Round Operations

## Expanding Access, Innovation, and Impact



**Expanding Access & Equity:** Serve more qualified California students, including first-gen and diverse populations.

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**Enhance Learn by Doing:** Year-round internships, co-ops, research, global programs, and service learning.

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**Boost Student Success:** Flexible pathways to accelerate graduation, continuous engagement for stronger retention.

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**Support Faculty & Innovation:** Time for research, course experimentation, and professional growth.

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**Strengthen Partnerships:** Deeper collaboration with industry, community, and global institutions.

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**Sustain Growth & Financial Resources:** Optimized use of facilities year-round, fueling Cal Poly's impact on California's economy.

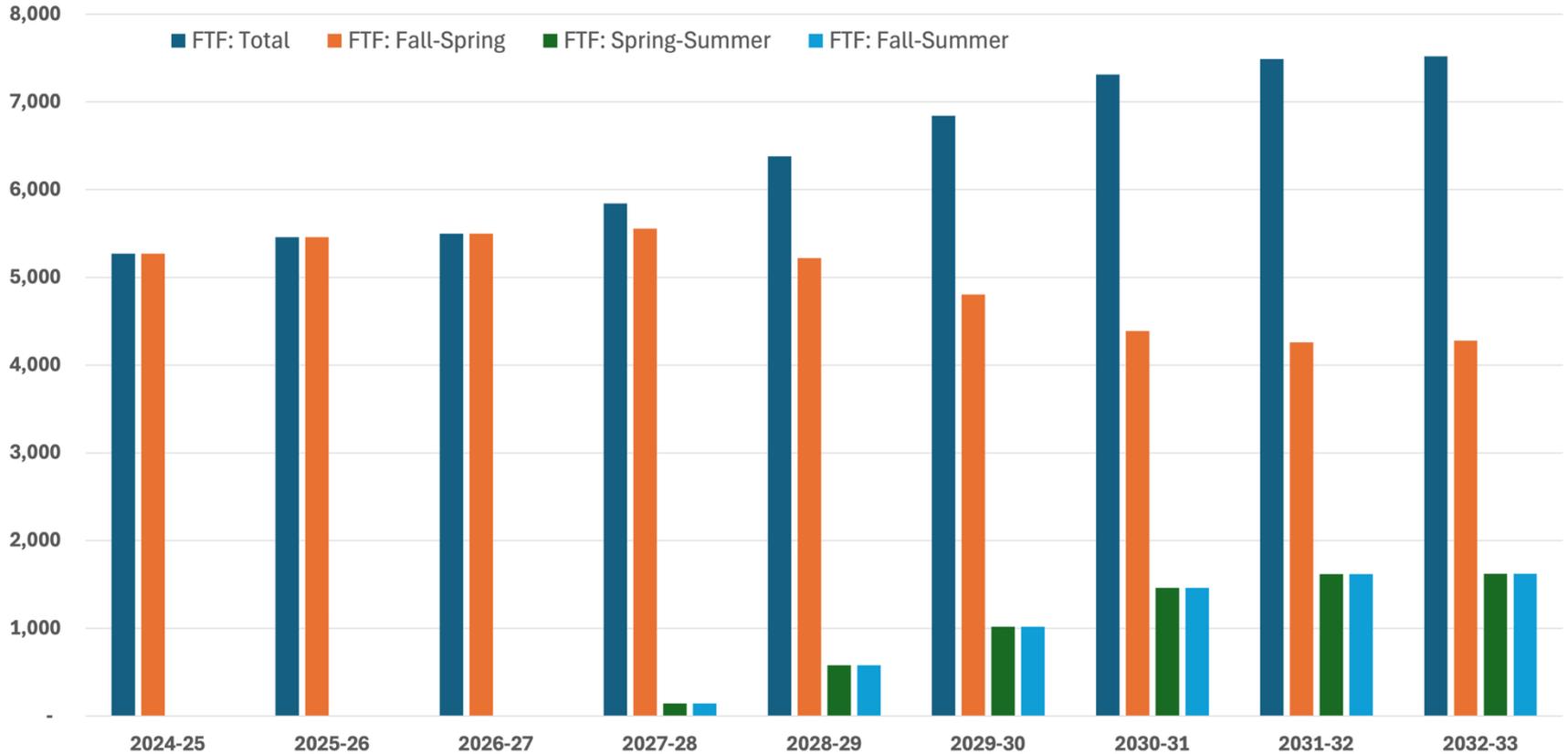


# MISPERCEPTIONS ABOUT YRO

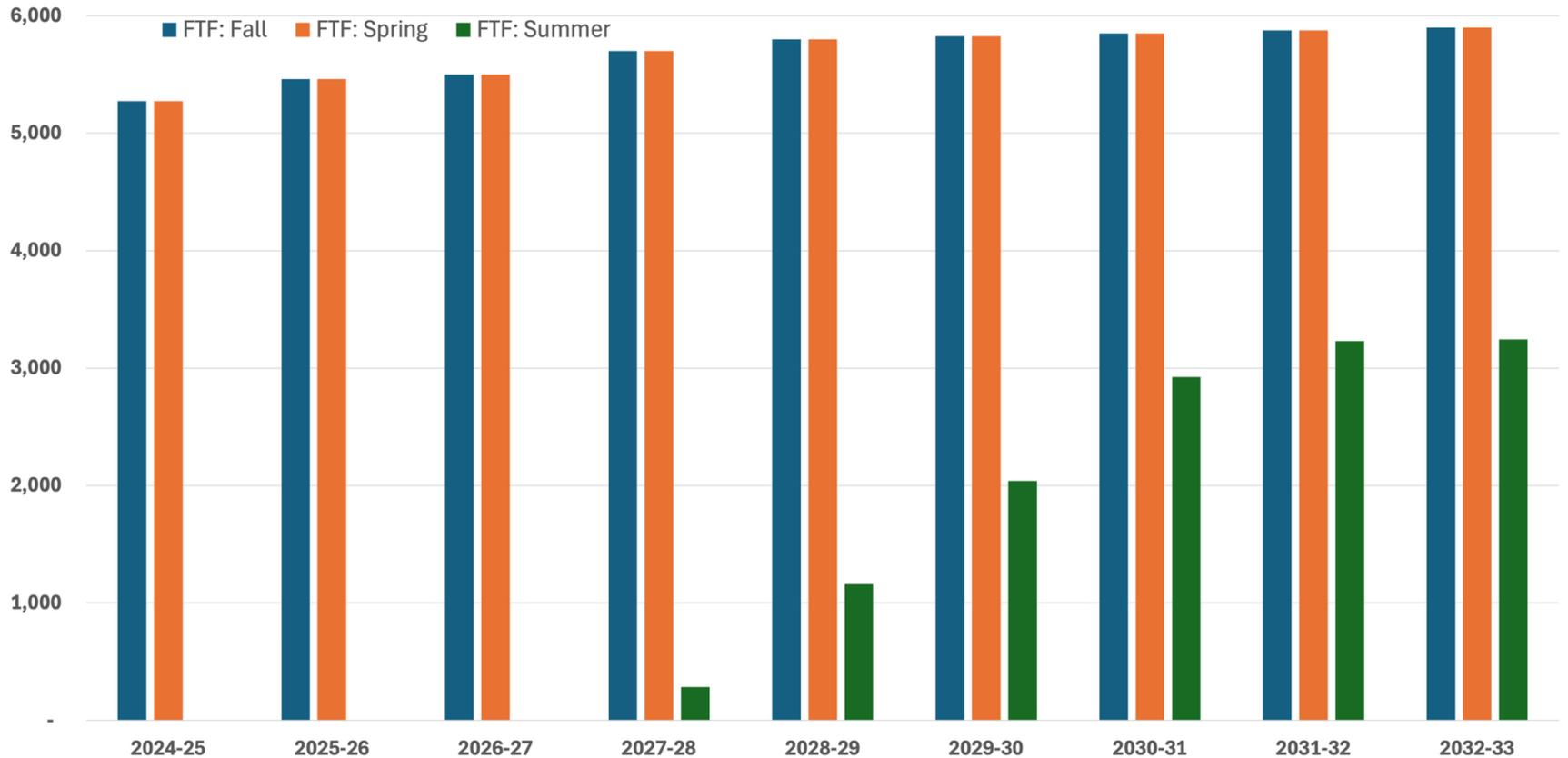
- ⊘ **Not an increase in faculty teaching load (remains two terms)**
- ⊘ **Not a “one-size-fits-all” model; flexibility by major/program / student interest**
- ⊘ **Not a rigid model – data shows students will opt for YRO**
- ⊘ **Not a reduction in academic rigor or quality**

# ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

# Changes in First-Time-Freshman (FTF) Enrollment

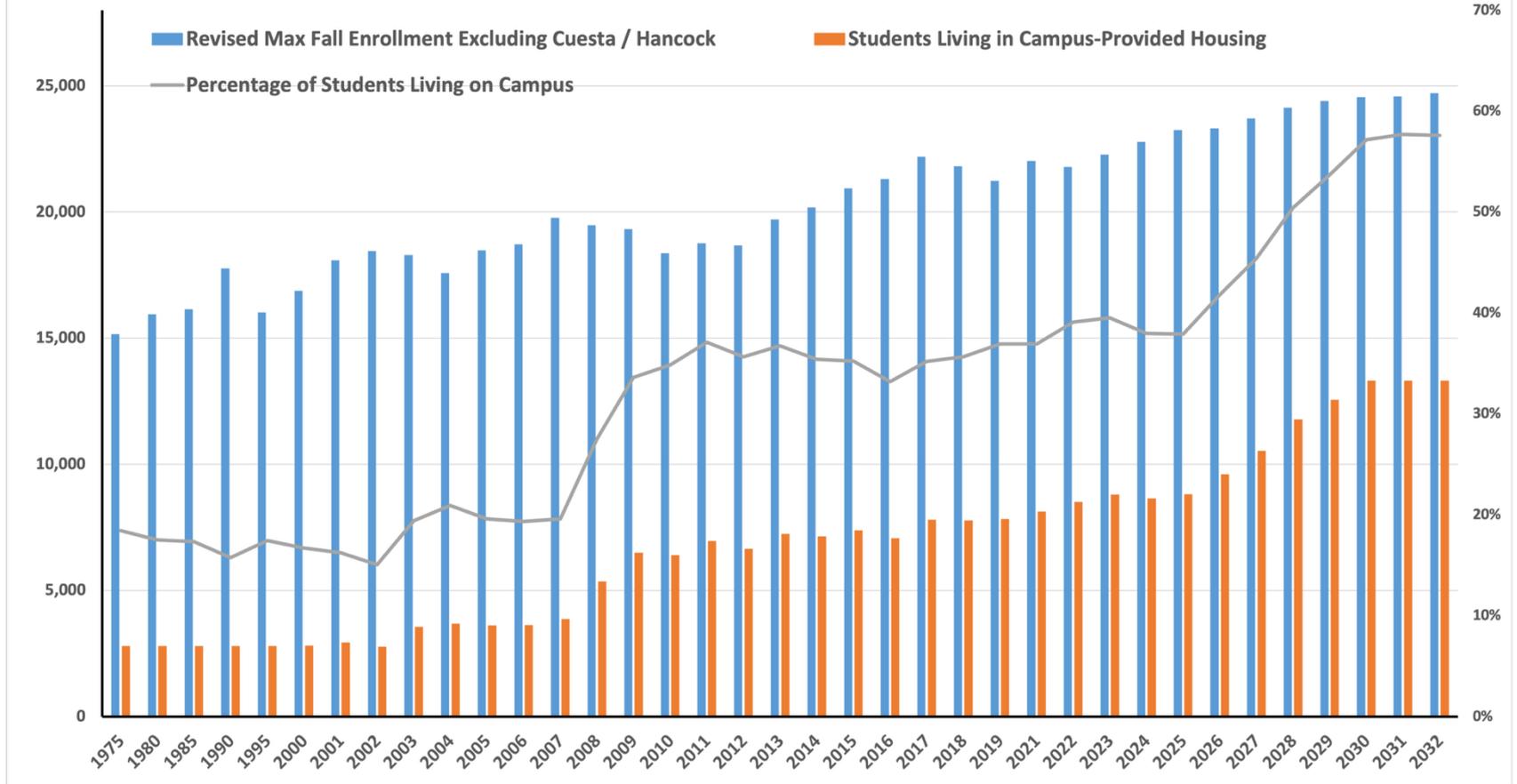


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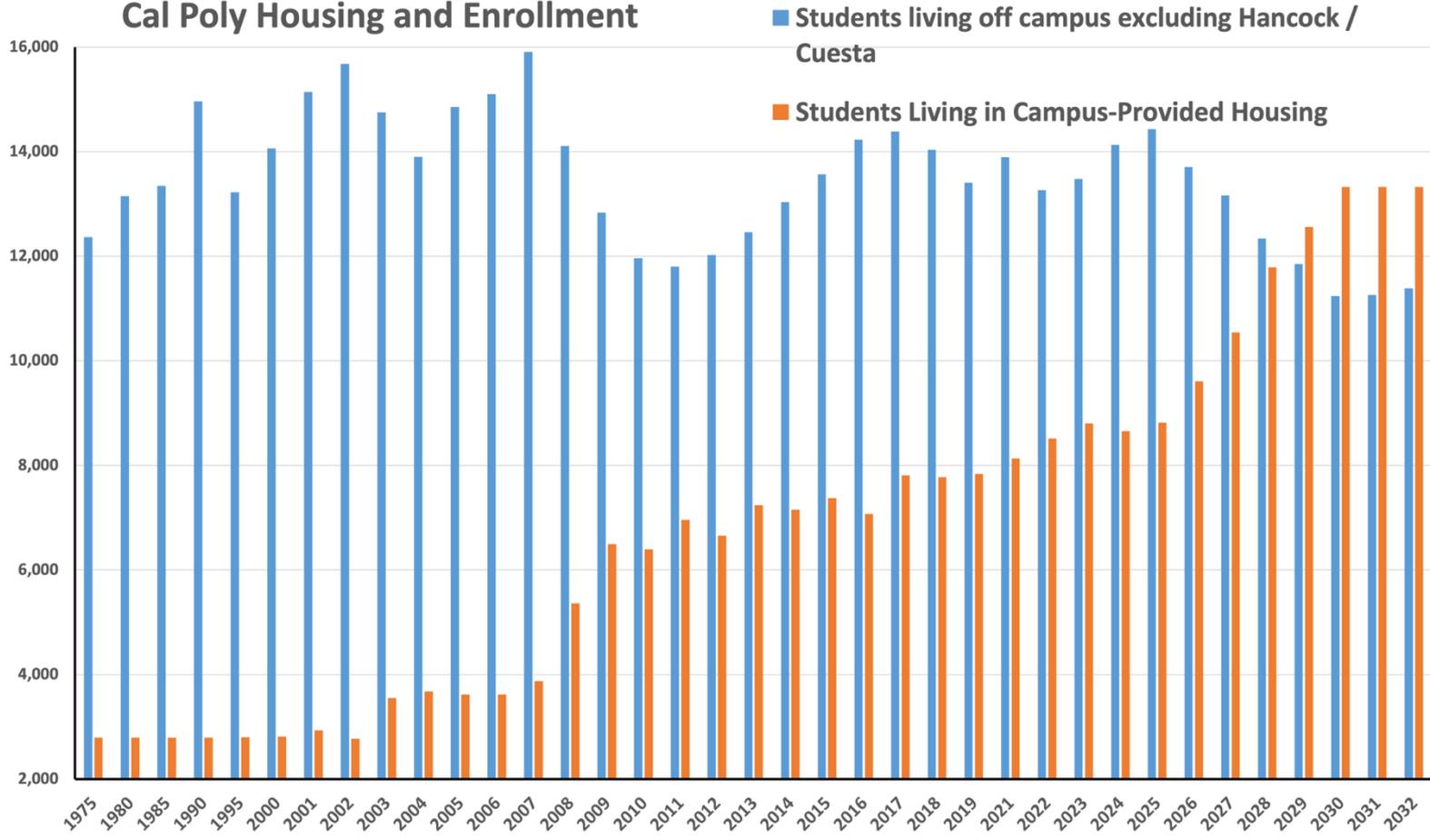


# ENROLLMENT & HOUSING PROJECTIONS

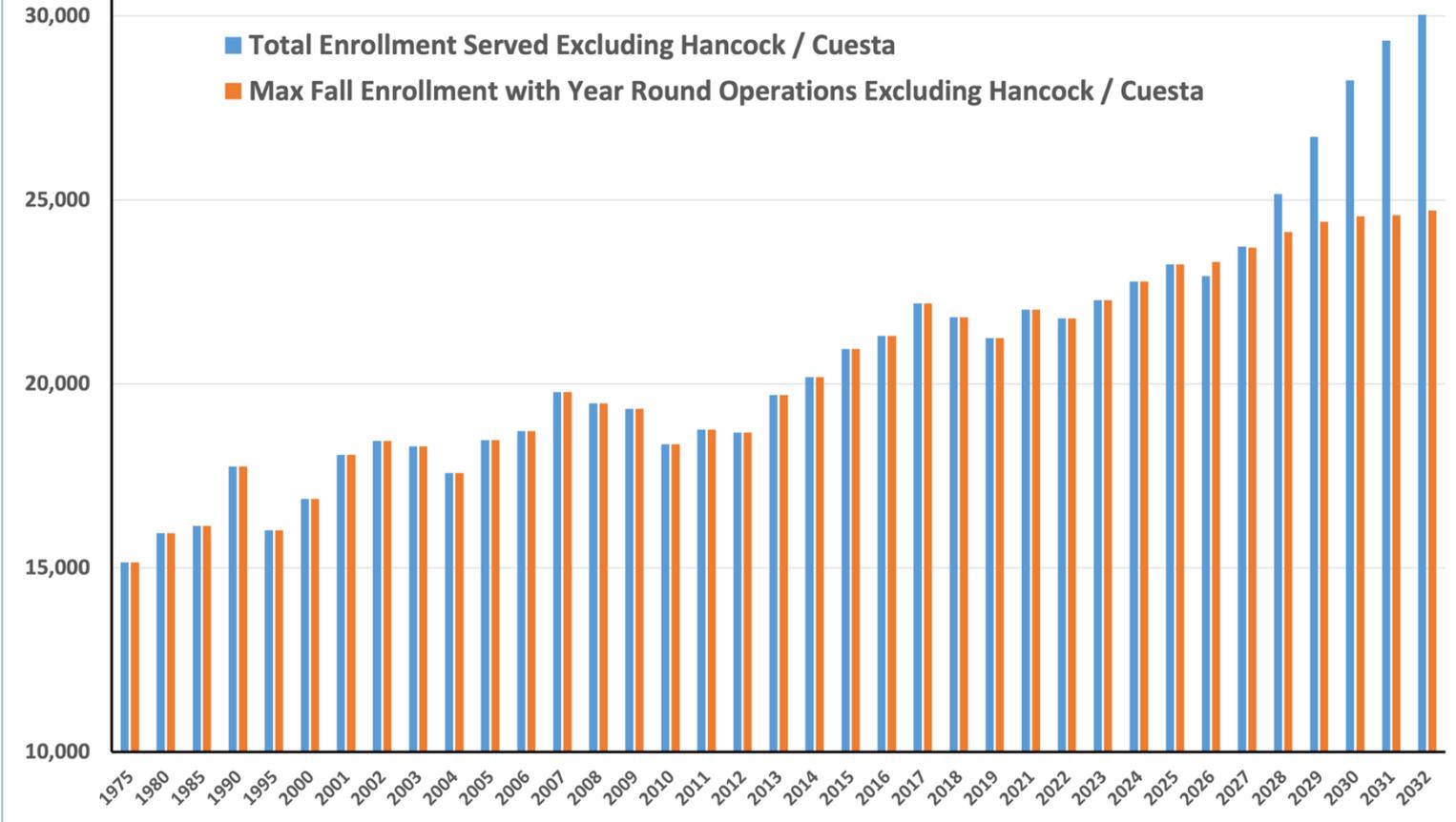
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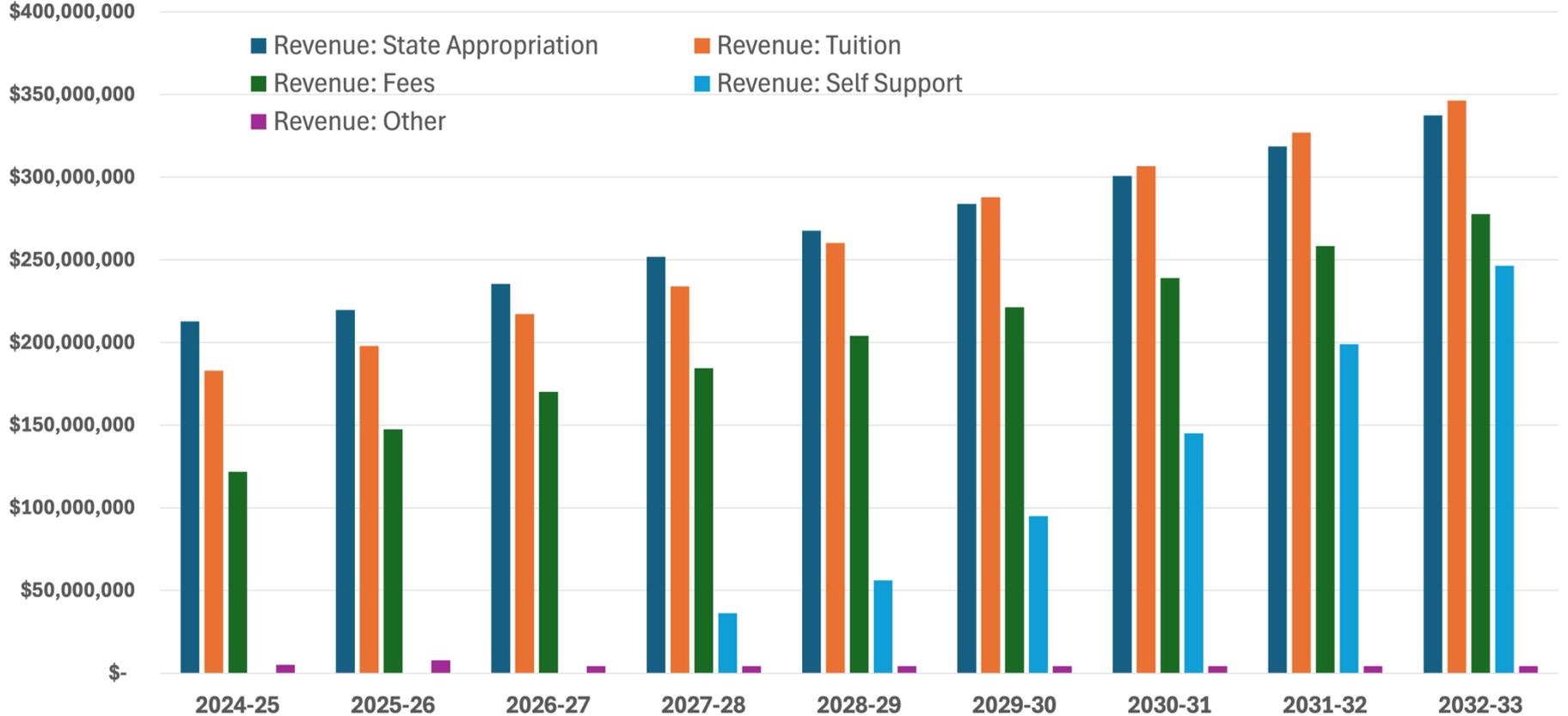


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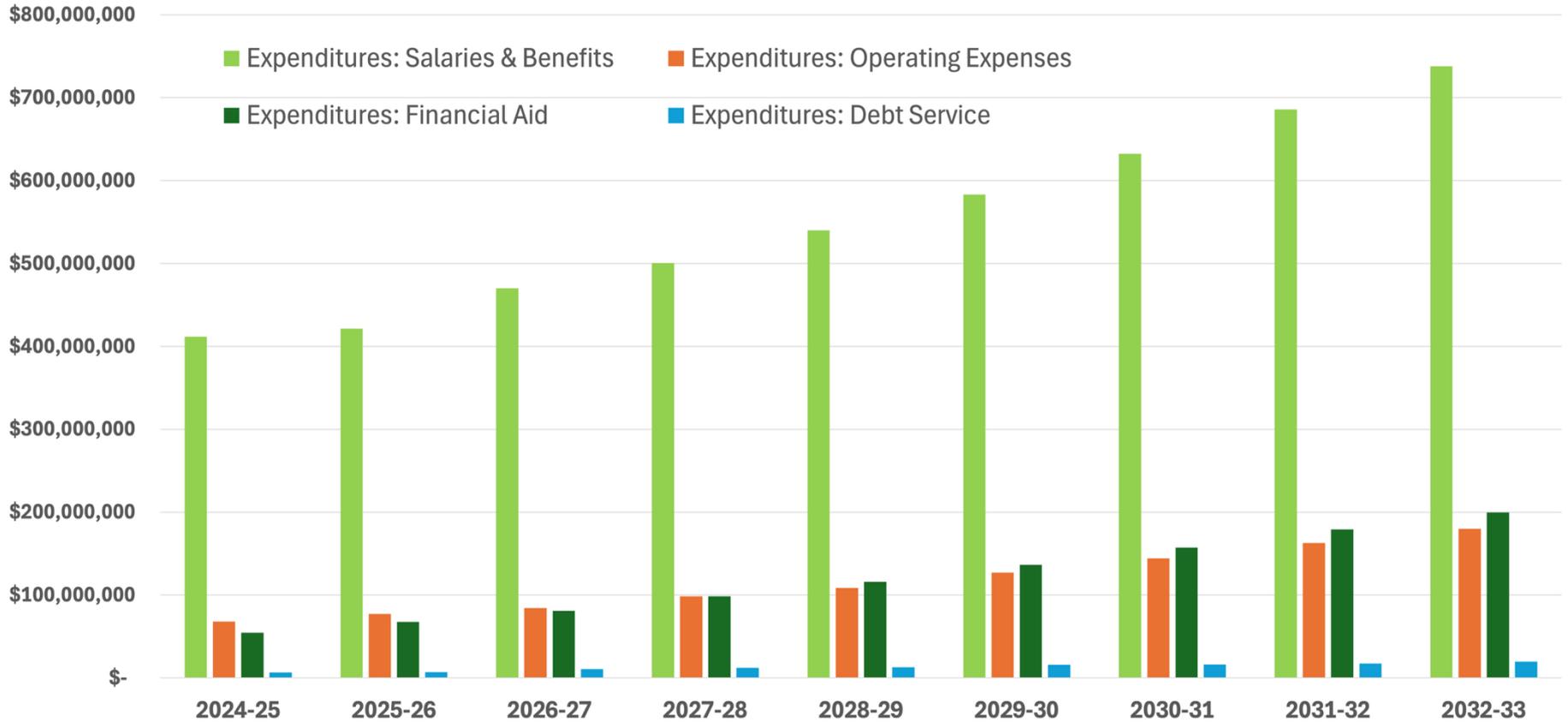


# FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

# Changes in Revenue

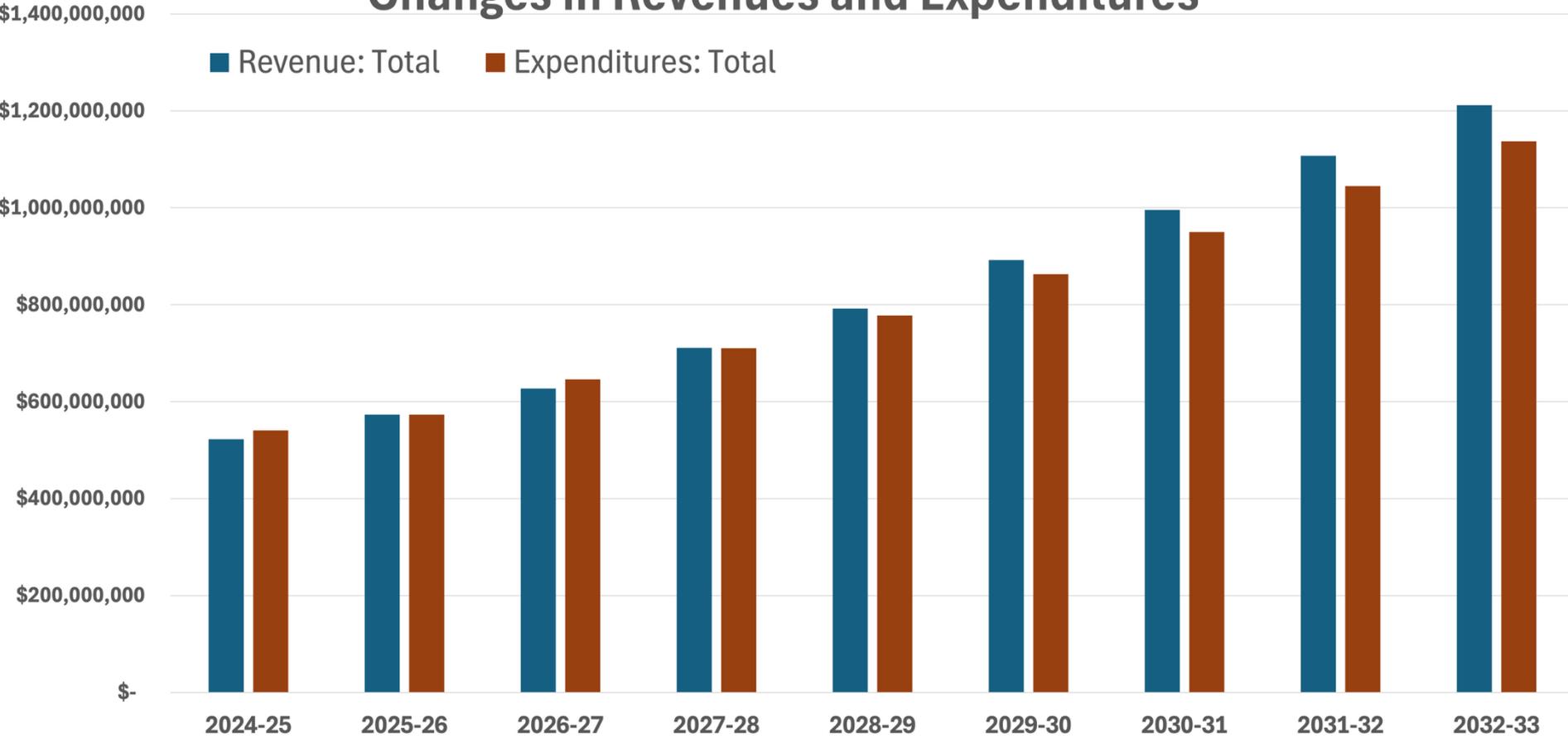


# Changes in Expenditures

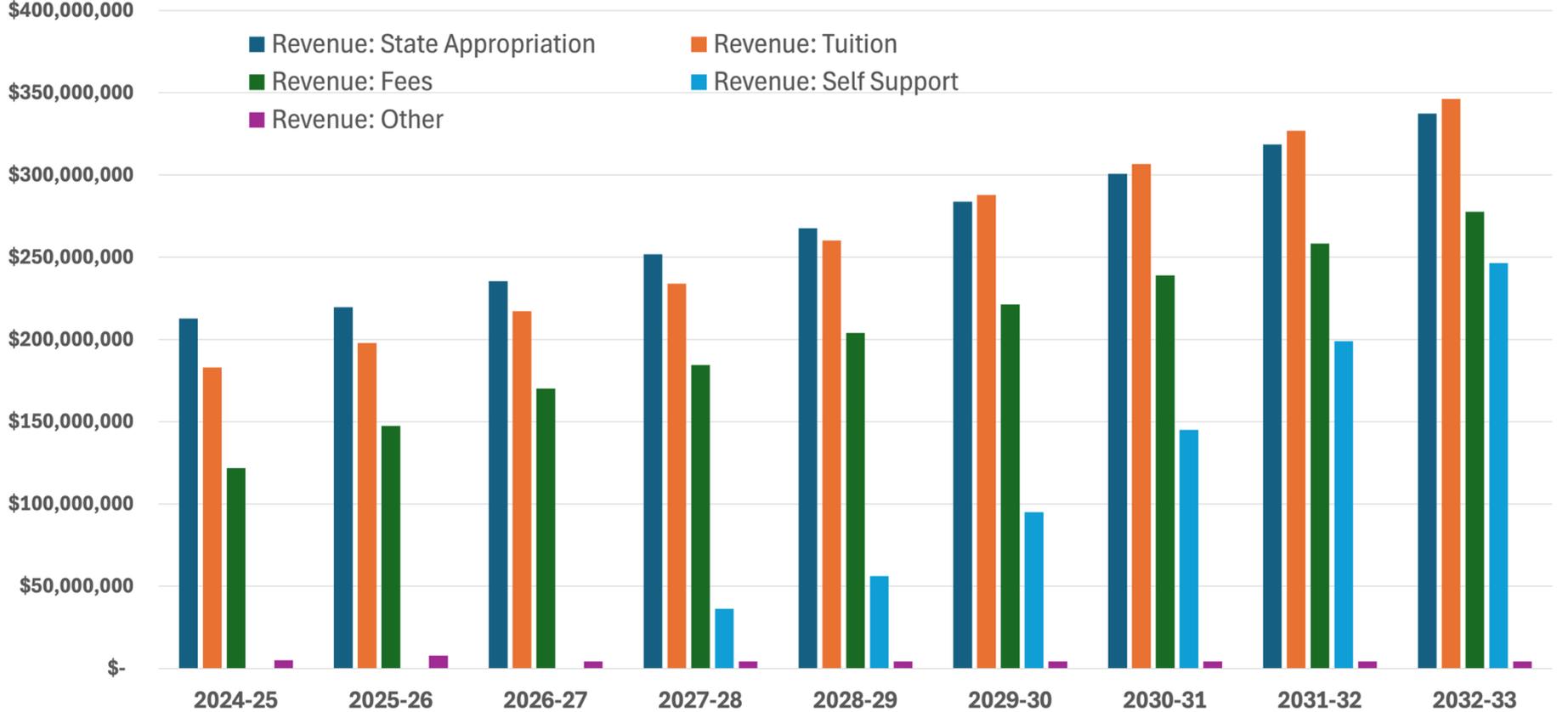


# Changes in Revenues and Expenditures

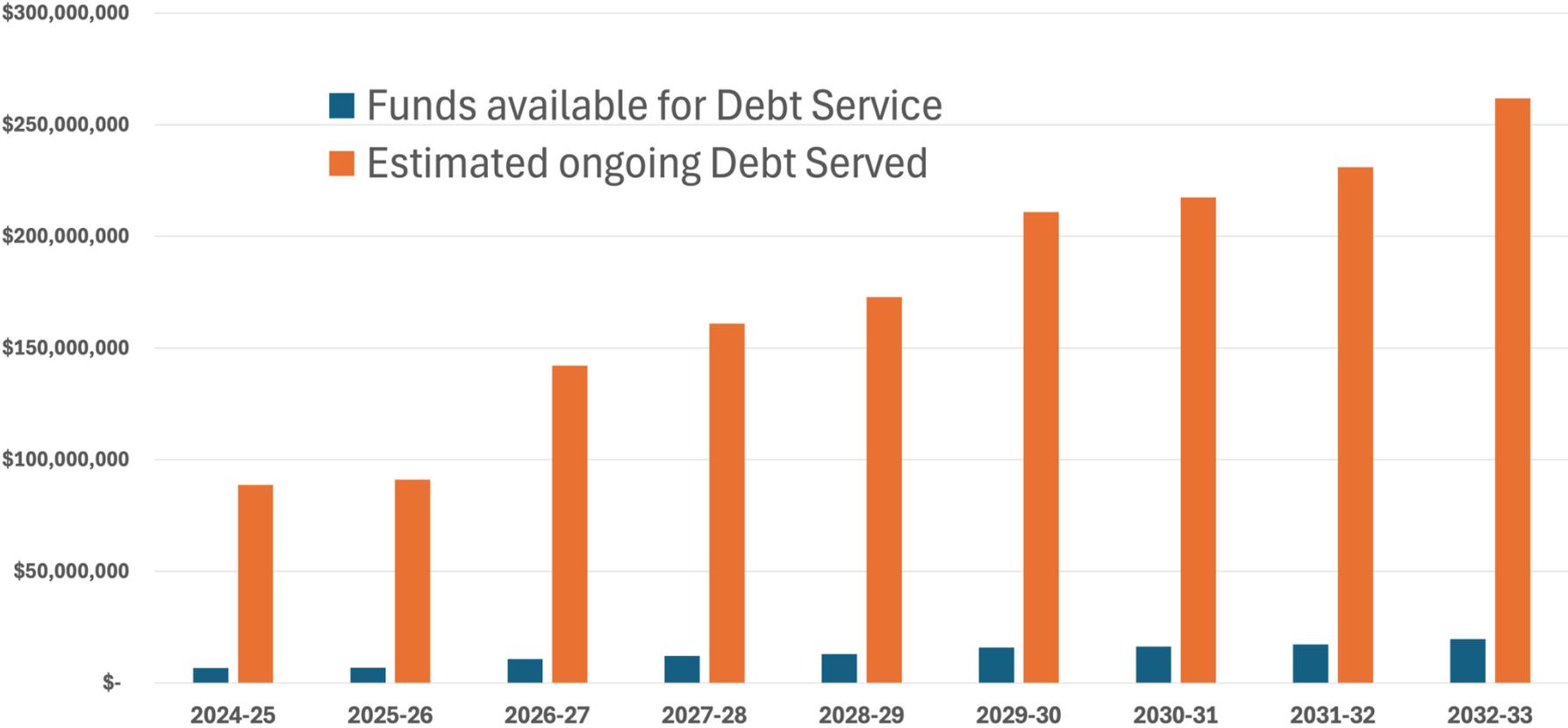
■ Revenue: Total    ■ Expenditures: Total



# Changes in Revenue



# Estimated Funds for Debt Service



# QUESTIONS?



# EXTRA SLIDES



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**WILL STUDENTS OPT FOR YRO?**

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# WEB SURVEY - STAMATES

Approximately 20,700 surveyed with 10% response rate

Fall 2023 admitted students and parents

Fall 2024 prospective students and parents

# Executive Summary of Results

## Strongly Favorable Reaction to Summer Start Program

- 89% of Fall 2024 Students rate The Summer Start Program as “somewhat” or “very appealing” after reading the program details. 72% of Fall 2024 Parents say the same.
- A strong majority of Fall 2024 Students and Parents would “probably” or “definitely” apply to Summer Start—77% of students and 64% of parents.
- When asked how likely they would be to consider Summer Start, assuming adequate financial aid were provided, more than 80% of all respondents say they would be “somewhat” or “very likely” to consider it—most impressively, 95% of Fall 2024 Students responded positively.
- More than a quarter of all respondents would choose Summer Start if given the choice between it and a Traditional Fall Start.
- *As is typical with new/nontraditional higher ed options, parent enthusiasm about Summer Start is slightly more muted vs students. Messaging to parents will need to address key areas of concern, cited later in the report.*
- *Fall 2023 Students and Parents also gave very positive opinion ratings on the Summer Start program. Here we focus on the Fall 2024 opinions. All four segments are displayed within this full report.*

### Summer Start is Appealing

**89%** Fall 2024 Students  
**72%** Fall 2024 Parents

### Would Probably/Definitely Apply To

**77%** Fall 2024 Students  
**64%** Fall 2024 Parents

### Likely to Consider, With Adequate Fin Aid

**95%** Fall 2024 Students  
**86%** Fall 2024 Parents

### Would Choose Summer Start Outright, if Given a Choice

**36%** Fall 2024 Students  
**26%** Fall 2024 Parents

# Executive Summary of Results

## Preferences for Off-Campus Session Opportunities

- **Internships/Co-ops** are by far and away the most popular. More than half of all audiences say it's the option they are most interested in—even more pronounced among F2024 Parents, with two-thirds selecting it as preferred.
- **Studying Abroad** comes in second with around 40% of Students and F2023 Parents say it would be their preferred option (slightly lower 28% of F2024 Parents, due to the higher proportion naming Internships as the preferred option).
- **Service Work** is a distant third-place option, with only 7% or fewer saying they would be most interested in it.
- **Gap Term or Something Else** – few are most interested in this option (3%).
- **For marketing purposes, Cal Poly will be able to associate this program with Learn by Doing and accentuate professional skill building.**

**50%** Most interested in an **internship**

**40%** Most interested in **study abroad**

**7%** Most interested in **service work**

**3%** Most interested in **gap term or something else**

# Executive Summary of Results

## Most Attractive Elements of Summer Start

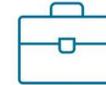
- **Respondents recognize Summer Start as increasing the opportunity for admission. This rating is strongest among F2024 Students and Parents.** In turn, all audiences demonstrate a consensus in its positive impact on their opinion of the program—including 98% of F2024 Students!
- Reasons respondents gave (in open-ended responses) for selecting Summer Start were: Learn By Doing, Internships, Study Abroad opportunities, start college sooner/get a head start, and adjust to college life sooner.
- From aided questions, the most appealing aspects to Summer Start include:
  - Gain professional/internship/work experience earlier (in college career).
  - Gives students opportunities to try out different areas of interest.
  - Opportunities to do a Study Abroad sooner (in college career).



Increases **opportunities for admission**



Get a **jump start** on beginning college



Gain professional **work experience** (internships) sooner



Opportunities to **try out different areas of interest**



Chance to do a **study abroad** sooner

## Areas of Concern or Uncertainty



Finding  
off-campus  
**housing**



Financial aid to  
cover **off-campus  
expenses**



Impact the  
**adjustment to  
college life**



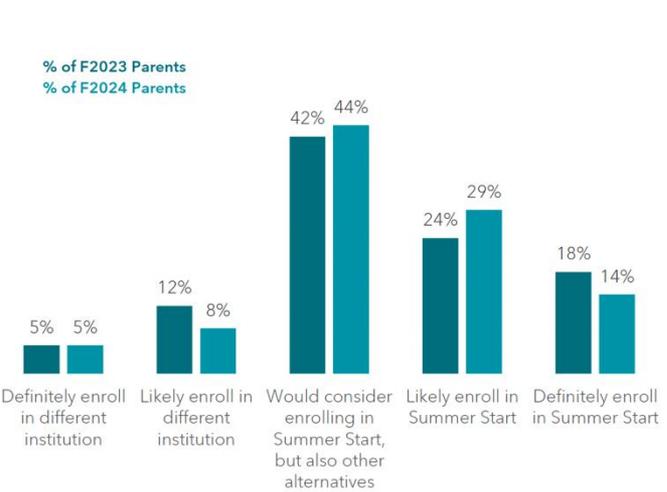
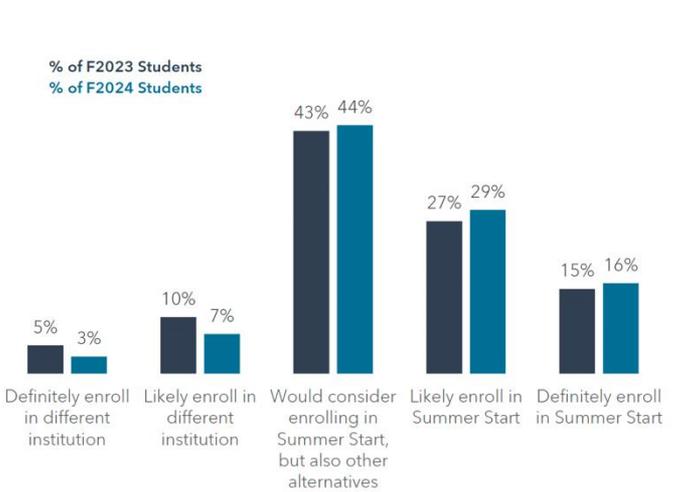
**Missing out** on  
**summer break**  
activities/jobs



Impact **course  
scheduling** and  
**availability**

# Likelihood to Enroll if Only Admitted to Summer Start

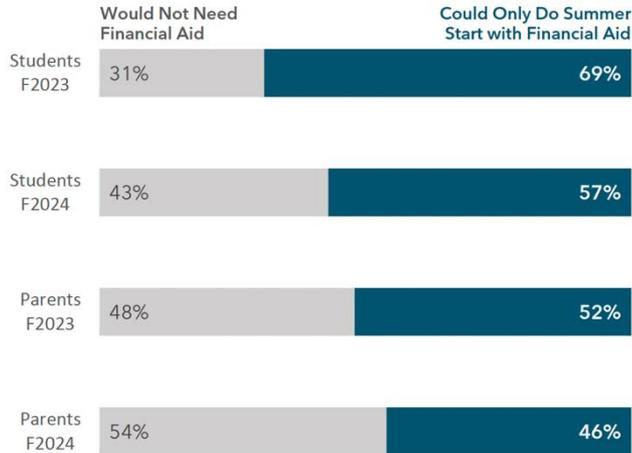
F2024 students who will “definitely enroll” in Summer Start is 16%; parents of F2024 students 14%



Q: Now, consider you (your student) were ONLY admitted to Cal Poly as a Summer Start student, how likely would you be to enroll?  
Select one.

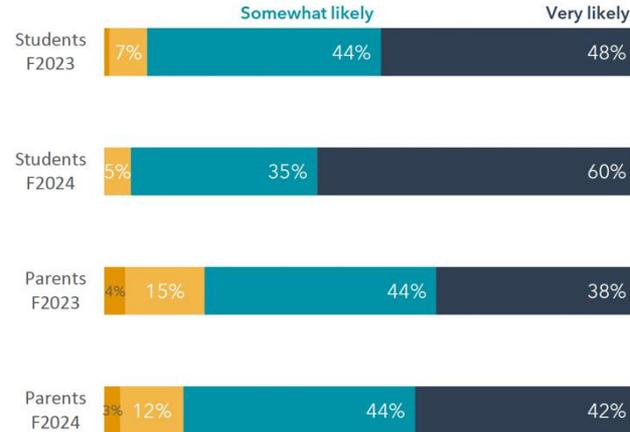
**Consistent with other findings in the survey, more than one-third of students say they would likely enroll or definitely enroll in Summer Start if that were**

# Over Half Would Need Financial Aid For Off-Campus Expenses



Q: Would you (your student) only be able to do this program if you had financial aid available to cover the off-campus session?  
Select one.

With adequate aid, most would consider Summer Start.



Q: Assuming you had adequate financial aid for the on-campus and off-campus sessions, how likely would you be to consider?  
Select one. 1=Not at all likely, 2=Not very likely, 3=Somewhat likely, 4=Very likely

Financial assistance during off-campus sessions would be a critical consideration to keep in mind. That said, given adequate financial aid, the vast majority of students and parents say they would be likely to consider the Summer Start.