

The Facts Behind the Numbers

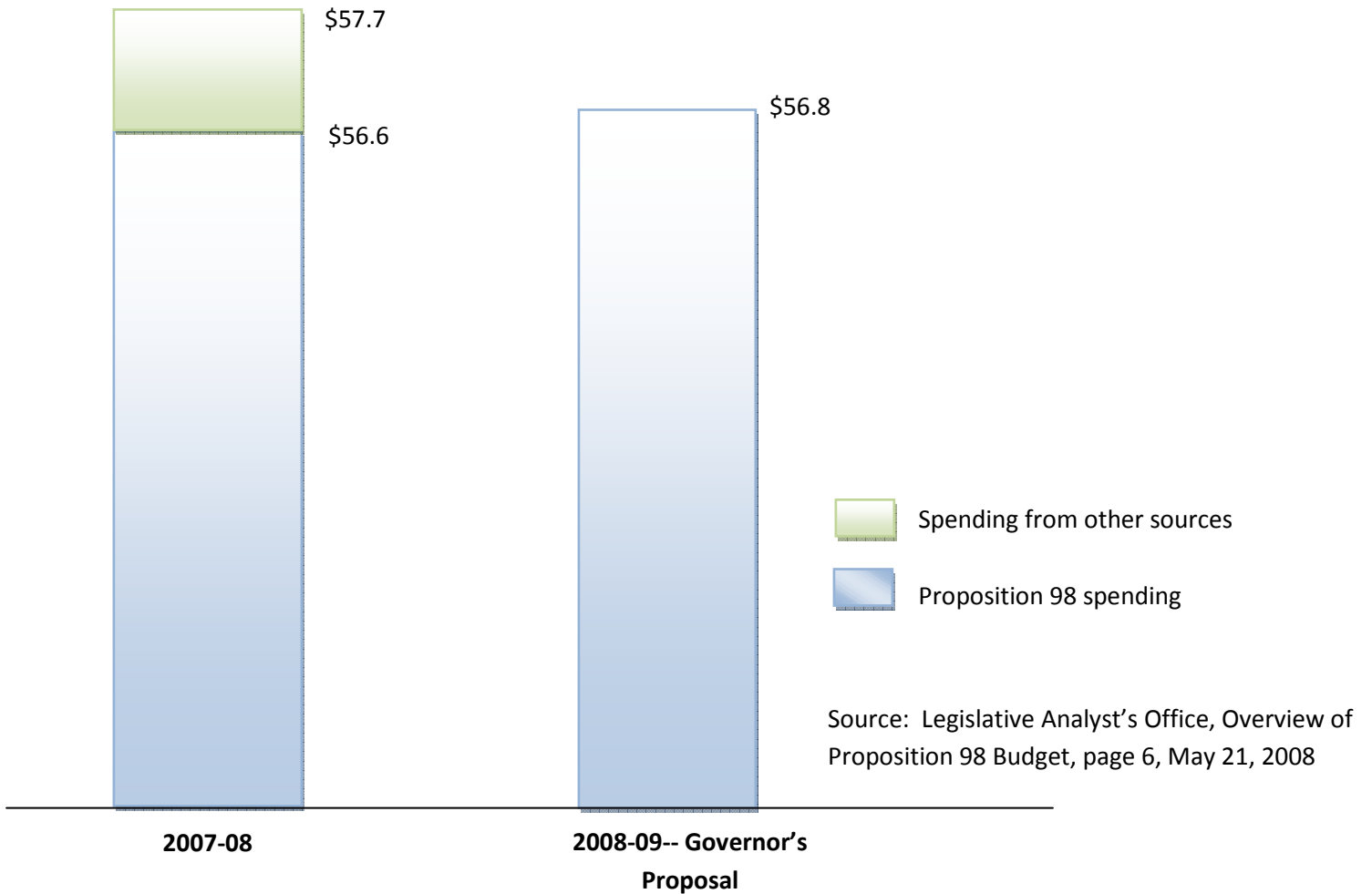
“Total Proposition 98 funding for K-14 education programs will increase year over year by \$193 million.” Governor’s Budget May Revision 2008-09, page 61

“Still a \$900 million cut from current-budget year ongoing programmatic spending.”

Legislative Analyst’s Office, Overview of Proposition 98 Budget, May 21, 2008, page 3

Spending for Ongoing Proposition 98 Programs

(Dollars in Billions)



The chart above reflects the Governor's statement that Proposition 98 funding goes up by roughly \$200 million, from \$56.6 billion in 2007-08 to \$56.8 billion in 2008-09. What the Governor's statement does not reflect is that the 2007-08 state budget paid for approximately \$1.1 billion in on-going education programs from other sources, primarily one-time funding. The Governor's budget recognizes these ongoing expenditure levels and proposes to cut them-- see separate table on proposed cuts to major programs-- to a 2008-09 budget figure of \$56.8 billion. This funding "shell game" allows the Governor's Office to claim a \$193 million increase in Proposition 98 when, as noted by the LAO, on-going programs are actually being cut by \$900 million from the 2007-08 expenditure level.