

Date of Hearing: May 5, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Lorena Gonzalez, Chair

AB 1568 (Committee on Emergency Management) – As Introduced March 3, 2021

Policy Committee: Emergency Management

Vote: 6 - 0

Urgency: Yes

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to establish a statewide registry of private businesses and nonprofit organizations interested in donating services, goods, labor, equipment, resources, or dispensaries or other facilities to foster collaboration between the private and public sector to enhance disaster preparedness. Current law authorizes Cal OES to establish such a registry, but does not require the office to do so.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

It is reasonable to expect Cal OES to incur costs in excess of \$150,000 (General Fund) to establish and maintain the registry.

Cal OES estimates its first-year costs to total \$377,000, which will cover establishment of an electronic database, procuring software licenses for staff and hiring staff (General Fund). Cal OES also anticipates ongoing annual costs of \$221,000 for staffing and software licensing.

**COMMENTS:**

1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

The public sector alone is incapable of meeting California's preparedness needs. The private and nonprofit sectors have vast stores of medical supplies, building and construction materials, food, water and other goods, as well as services that would be essential following a catastrophic event...We should make it as easy as possible for the private sector to donate their goods and services to enhance California's disaster preparedness.

2) **Background.** The state has long sought to facilitate the participation of the private sector in disaster and emergency preparedness and response. In 2005, the Legislature authorized Cal OES to include private businesses and nonprofit organizations within its responsibilities to prepare the state for disasters. (See SB 546 (Dutton), Chapter 232, Statutes of 2005.) In 2008, the Legislature further authorized Cal OES to establish a registry of private businesses and nonprofit organizations that are interested in making donations to the state, to prepare the state for emergencies and disasters. (See AB 2796 (Nava), Chapter 363, Statutes of 2008.) This bill would build upon those previous authorizations by compelling Cal OES to establish a statewide registry of private businesses and nonprofit organizations that are interested in

donating services, goods, labor, equipment, resources, or dispensaries or other facilities to foster collaboration between the private and public sector to enhance disaster preparedness.

According to Cal OES, private-sector actors, large and small, have shown little or no interest in being part of the registry.

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