
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 1568 (Committee on Emergency Management) - California Emergency Services Act: Office of Emergency Services: statewide registry

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Urgency: Yes

Hearing Date: July 15, 2021

Policy Vote: G.O. 15 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 1568 requires the Office of Emergency Services 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.

Fiscal Impact: The Office of Emergency Services (OES) anticipates costs of approximately \$377,275 in the first year and \$227,275 ongoing for additional staff time to stand up the database, conduct outreach to private businesses and nonprofit organizations, and maintain the database (General Fund).

Background: AB 2796 (Nava, Chapter 363, Statutes of 2008) authorized, but did not require, the 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 further collaboration between the private and public sector.

In 2015, the OES established the Office of Private Sector and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Coordination. The Office designs, coordinates, and implements statewide outreach programs to foster relationships with businesses, associations, companies, and academia, as well as nonprofit, NGO, and philanthropic organizations. The Office works within the OES to the use of private sector, philanthropic, and NGO staff and resources in emergency management.

Additionally, OES has other agreements with private sector and nonprofit organizations, which provide support to the state during emergencies and disaster events. Together, these organizations form the Business and Utility Operations Center (BUOC), which is comprised of two components: the Business Operations Center (BOC) and Utility Operations Center (UOC). The BOC is comprised of business partners, while the UOC is comprised of the California Utilities Emergency Association. Both the BOC and UOC are intended to provide support to the state and may be requested to serve as active operational components of the State Operations Center or Regional Emergency Operations Centers, which activate under the authority of California's Standardized Emergency Management System.

Proposed Law:

- Requires the 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.

- States the measure is an urgency statute necessary to protect the public health and safety and better assist in the response to and recovery from the ongoing pandemic, as well as future catastrophic wildfires, earthquakes, floods, and other hazards as soon as possible.

Related Legislation: AB 2796 (Nava, Chapter 363, Statutes of 2008) authorizes 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 further collaboration between the private and public sector.

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