

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
AB 1568 (Committee on Emergency Management)
As Amended February 8, 2022
2/3 vote. Urgency

SUMMARY

This bill requires the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to establish a statewide donations system for private businesses and nonprofit organizations that are interested in donating services, goods, labor, equipment, resources, or facilities to assist in disaster preparedness, as specified.

Senate Amendments

Requires Cal OES to establish a statewide donations system, rather than a statewide registry, and provides that certain civil liability exemptions apply to private businesses and nonprofit organizations using the system.

COMMENTS

Ongoing and complex disasters are the new normal: In recent written testimony provided to the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, California's OES Director states, "the State of California arguably faces the most complex and severe disaster conditions in the nation and these challenges and complexities grow in magnitude each year. In the past decade, California has experienced every conceivable type of natural and manmade disaster including drought, earthquake, flood, catastrophic wildfire, mudslides, dam failure, cyber security attacks, oil spills, natural gas leak, civil unrest, terrorism, and tsunamis. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has put our emergency management system to the test."

Emergency Preparedness and Response: Cal OES is responsible for addressing natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies, and preparing the State to prevent, respond to, quickly recover from, and mitigate the effects of both intentional and natural disasters. As part of their overall preparedness mission, Cal OES is required to develop a State Emergency Plan (SEP), State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP), and maintains Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the Emergency Management Mutual Aid System (EMMA). Cal OES, in coordination with FEMA and local partners, has developed four Catastrophic Plans to augment the State Emergency Plan.

Cal OES's Office of Private Sector and Non-Governmental Organization: In 2015, Cal OES established the Office of Private Sector and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Coordination. This office designs, coordinates, and implements statewide outreach programs to foster relationships with businesses, associations, companies, academia, as well as non-profit and philanthropic organizations. It works within Cal OES to maximize inclusion and effective use of private sector and NGO staff and resources in all phases of emergency management.

Prior legislation related to the establishment of a statewide registry at Cal OES: AB 2796 (Nava), Chapter 363, Statutes of 2008. Authorizes, but does not require, 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 further collaboration between the private and public sector.

Urgency clause: This bill has an urgency clause due to the ongoing pandemic, threat of catastrophic wildfires, earthquakes, floods and other hazards.

According to the Author

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear that in order to best prepare and protect the citizens of the state and ensure that we are prepared for and can respond to emergencies, government and the private sector need to work together. 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. The private sector owns or has access to substantial response and support resources. Community Based Organizations or Non-Governmental Organizations also provide valuable resources before, during, and after a disaster. These resources can be effective assets before, during and after emergencies. We should make it as easy as possible for the private sector to donate their goods and services to enhance California's disaster preparedness.

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee, Cal 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).

VOTES:

ASM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: 6-0-1

YES: Rodriguez, Seyarto, Calderon, Gallagher, Gray, Ward

ABS, ABST OR NV: Aguiar-Curry

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 12-0-4

YES: Lorena Gonzalez, Calderon, Carrillo, Chau, Gabriel, Eduardo Garcia, Levine, Quirk, Robert Rivas, Akilah Weber, Holden, Luz Rivas

ABS, ABST OR NV: Bigelow, Megan Dahle, Davies, Fong

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 78-0-1

YES: Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Bryan, Burke, Calderon, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chen, Chiu, Choi, Cooley, Cooper, Cunningham, Megan Dahle, Daly, Davies, Flora, Fong, Frazier, Friedman, Gabriel, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Lorena Gonzalez, Gray, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Kiley, Lackey, Lee, Levine, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Mayes, McCarty, Medina, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, Nguyen, O'Donnell, Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Seyarto, Smith, Stone, Ting, Valladares, Villapudua, Voepel, Waldron, Ward, Akilah Weber, Wicks, Wood, Rendon

ABS, ABST OR NV: Bigelow

SENATE FLOOR: 37-0-3

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Atkins, Bates, Becker, Borgeas, Caballero, Cortese, Dahle, Dodd, Durazo, Eggman, Glazer, Gonzalez, Grove, Hertzberg, Hueso, Jones, Kamlager, Laird, Leyva, Limón, McGuire, Melendez, Newman, Nielsen, Ochoa Bogh, Pan, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Skinner, Stern, Umberg, Wieckowski, Wiener, Wilk

ABS, ABST OR NV: Bradford, Hurtado, Min

SENATE FLOOR: 37-0-3

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Atkins, Bates, Becker, Borgeas, Bradford, Caballero, Cortese, Dodd, Durazo, Eggman, Glazer, Gonzalez, Grove, Hertzberg, Hueso, Hurtado, Jones, Kamlager, Laird, Leyva, McGuire, Melendez, Min, Newman, Nielsen, Ochoa Bogh, Pan, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Skinner, Umberg, Wieckowski, Wiener, Wilk

ABS, ABST OR NV: Dahle, Limón, Stern

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