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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator Nancy Skinner, Chair  
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<b>Bill No:</b>	AB 161	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	July 7, 2021
<b>Author:</b>	Ting		
<b>Version:</b>	July 5, 2021 As amended		
<b>Urgency:</b>	No	<b>Fiscal:</b>	Yes
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**Subject:** Budget Act of 2021

**Summary:** This is a Budget Bill Junior associated with the Budget Act of 2021. This bill makes technical and substantive changes to the Budget Act.

**Background:** On June 14, 2021, the Legislature passed AB 128 (Ting), Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021, which represented the Legislature's budget agreement.

On June 28, 2021, the Legislature passed SB 129 (Skinner), which made amendments based off of AB 128 and represented the budget agreement between the Legislature and the Administration.

**Proposed Law:** Specifically, this bill:

1. Specifies that \$15 million appropriated to the San Joaquin River Conservancy shall be available for operation and maintenance of conservancy-owned lands.
2. Augments funds dedicated for counties for the recall election by \$28.4 million General Fund to a total of \$243.6 million.
3. Specifies that, upon order of the Department of Finance, up to an additional \$500 million General Fund may be made available for wildfire prevention and forest resilience activities in the 2021-22 fiscal year. The Department of Finance must notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee within 10 days of ordering disbursement of the additional funds.
4. Makes technical and clarifying changes to the 2021 Budget Act.

**Fiscal Effect:** This bill could result in an additional General Fund impact of up to \$528.4 million in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

**Support:** None on file.

**Opposed:** None on file.

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