

(Without Reference to File)

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 161 (Ting)

As Amended July 5, 2021

Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately

SUMMARY

Amends the 2021 Budget Act to make technical and clarifying changes.

Senate Amendments

Deletes the previous version and instead inserts the following provisions:

- 1) Clarifies that an additional \$500 million for wildfire prevention and forest resiliency would be available in 2021-22, reflecting the July 1, 2021, letter to the Assembly Budget Committee from the Department of Finance;
- 2) Increases funding provided to local governments for the 2021 recall election to \$243,548,000, and increase of \$28.4 million, pursuant to the estimate additional costs from the enactment of SB 152 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee), Chapter 34, Statutes of 2021 submitted by the Department of Finance to the Assembly Budget Committee on July 1, 2021.
- 3) Includes provisional language for San Joaquin Conservancy funding to clarify the use and encumbrance period for the funds; and
- 4) Corrects drafting errors to provisional language and schedules for the University of California, Community Colleges, Scholarshare Investment Board, and Student Aid Commission.

COMMENTS

The bill corrects and clarifies provisions in SB 129 (Skinner) of the current legislative session which amends the 2021 Budget Act AB 128 (Ting), Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021 to reflect the overall budget package agreed to by the Legislature and the Administration. At the time this bill is being considered, SB 129 is already enrolled, therefore it is intended that the provisions of this bill chapter out the previous versions in that bill to make the corrections.

The proposed change relating to wildfires clarifies that an additional \$1 billion of total funds is available for wildfire prevention and forest resiliency over a two-year period. The timing and use of these funds will be determined later this year.

The Department of Finance also proposed language to provide an extension of the \$200 million Greenhouse Gas Reductions funds for healthy forests and fire prevention programs until 2028-29. That language must be considered in separate budget trailer bill due to single subject rule, California Constitution Article IV, Section 9.

The bill also reflects the additional costs for the 2021 Recall election resulting from the chaptering of SB 152 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee), Chapter 34, Statutes of 2021,

which designed the recall election as a regular election, instead of a special election. This bill increases funding for counties for the special election to reflect these updated costs, which increased overall by \$24.8 million, based on an analysis, by county, conducted by the Secretary of State.

According to the Author

This bill makes technical and clarifying changes to the budget package reflected in SB 129 (Skinner) and updates the budget to reflect increased local 2021 recall election costs.

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This contains \$24.8 million in new costs, associated with the updated recall election costs that are not assumed in the 2021-22 budget package. The remaining provisions of this bill reflect the 2021-22 overall budget package scoring that is reflect in SB 129 (Skinner).

VOTES:**ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 56-18-5**

YES: Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Bloom, Boerner Horvath, Bonta, Burke, Calderon, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chiu, Cooley, Cooper, Daly, Friedman, Gabriel, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Lorena Gonzalez, Gray, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Lee, Levine, Low, Maienschein, McCarty, Medina, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, O'Donnell, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Stone, Ting, Villapudua, Ward, Wicks, Wood, Rendon

NO: Bigelow, Chen, Choi, Cunningham, Megan Dahle, Davies, Flora, Fong, Gallagher, Kiley, Lackey, Mathis, Nguyen, Patterson, Seyarto, Smith, Voepel, Waldron

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