
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
2021 - 2022 Regular Session

AB 2248 (Eduardo Garcia) - Water quality: California-Mexico cross-border rivers

Version: June 30, 2022

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 11, 2022

Policy Vote: E.Q. 7 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would provide \$100 million to the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) from the General Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to address water quality problems arising in California-Mexico cross-border rivers.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 11, 2022

Fiscal Impact:

- Cost pressure of \$100 million (General Fund) for the Legislature to provide an appropriation to the Water Board. Of this amount, the Water Board estimates costs of up to \$2.475 million for State Water Board and Regional Water Board efforts to administrate the fund and provide project oversight.
- The Department of Justice (DOJ) indicates that its costs are unknown but could potentially be significant (General Fund). The Department anticipates there may be unfunded enforcement-related costs (above the 5% earmarked for cost reimbursement to the Department) pertaining to the outlined funding agreements. Actual DOJ costs would depend on several factors, including the number and complexity of resulting funding agreements the Department would need to enforce, the nature of the legal dispute at issue, and the involved parties.

Author Amendments: These amendments would add coauthors.

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