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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair  
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## AB 357 (Maienschein) - Animal test methods: alternatives

**Version:** May 25, 2023

**Policy Vote:** JUD. 11 - 0

**Urgency:** No

**Mandate:** No

**Hearing Date:** September 1, 2023

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**Bill Summary:** AB 357 would require a manufacturer or contract testing facility using traditional animal test methods to report specified information to the State Department of Public Health (CDPH), and require CDPH to post that information on its website.

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

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on September 1, 2023**

### **Fiscal Impact:**

- CDPH reports costs of approximately \$1.2 million from FY 2023-24 through FY 2027-28, with ongoing costs of \$95,000 annually thereafter (General Fund). These costs would cover the Planning: Project Approval Lifecycle process, though the California Department of Technology, which allows for the proper vetting of IT projects; the one-time costs of designing, developing, and implementing the online portal; and annual, ongoing costs for maintenance and operations support.
- The University of California (UC) reports annual, ongoing costs ranging between \$1.5 and \$3 million in for salary and benefits for 1.0 – 2.0 PY at each of the UC's 10 campuses, and one-time IT costs of \$500,000 (General Fund). Actual costs will depend on amount of animal research being done at a particular institution and whether the research qualifies under the medical research exception to AB 357. Research projects are likely to fluctuate year to year and depending on how much animal research is conducted at a particular campus it may not be necessary to have one or more dedicated full time equivalent positions at each campus for research review.

### **Author Amendments:**

- Delay implementation until January 1, 2027.
- Clarify that the remedy for a violation of the bill's provision is a civil action for injunctive relief brought by the Attorney General, the district attorney, or the city attorney in the location where the violation allegedly occurred.

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