
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 1042 (Ransom) - The Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995: Managed Honeybee Health Program

Version: May 23, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: AGRI. 5 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Robert Ingenito

Bill Summary: AB 1042 would, upon an appropriation, authorize the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to establish and oversee the Managed Honeybee Health Program (MHHP), as specified.

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

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025**

Fiscal Impact: This bill would result in a General Fund cost pressure to fund MHHP; the magnitude is unknown, but likely in the millions of dollars on a one-time or ongoing basis. Additionally, this bill would result in ongoing annual General Fund costs to CDFA of an unknown amount, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, to hire staff to establish MHHP, develop guidelines and a program framework, establish the advisory committee, and manage grant contracts. CDFA notes it has historically used a percentage of funding appropriated for grants to administer the related funds, and could do so for this bill if legislation appropriating the funds explicitly authorizes it to use up to eight percent of the authorized amount on administrative costs.

Author Amendments:

- Define “socially disadvantaged group,” as specified.
- Make specified changes to the priorities and criteria CDFA would use in awarding grants.

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