
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 1319 (Schultz) - Protected species: California Endangered Species Act

Version: July 10, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: N.R. & W. 4 - 3

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require the California Fish and Game Commission to consider adopting emergency regulations to protect, under the California Endangered Species Act, certain federally-protected species in the event of a decrease in federal protection until December 31, 2031, as provided, among other provisions.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown but likely significant ongoing costs, potentially as much as \$7-9 million annually (General Fund, Fish and Game Preservation Fund, or other fund) for CDFW to implement the provisions of this bill, depending on the number of species that become eligible for listing under the California Endangered Species Act pursuant to AB 1319. Costs of around \$7 million is based on assuming a scenario where only about 10% of federally listed species are listed by the Commission under the emergency regulations under this bill in any one year.

Committee Amendments: These amendments would streamline the species listing process, narrow the list of federal actions for which CDFW must monitor, and make other changes. Specifically, they would:

1. Require CDFW to determine whether a species should be added to the commission's provisional list instead of requiring the Fish and Game Commission to determine whether to list a species.
2. Narrow the list of actions for which CDFW must monitor by excluding some court decisions.
3. Add additional language related to penalties.
4. Make other changes.

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