
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1334 (Wallis) - California State Library: study: official state energy

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: G.O. 14 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 1334 tasks the California State Library (CSL) with determining the best candidate for the official state energy.

Fiscal Impact: CSL estimates total General Fund costs between \$460,000 and \$470,000. This estimate includes:

- \$415,000 for three limited-term staff (Librarian, Research Specialist I, Analyst II) to develop the study, conduct outreach, and finalize the report. Specific activities include creating the candidate inclusion criteria, defining the study's evaluative framework, and engaging in public outreach through web forms, regional listening sessions, and stakeholder panels.
- \$35,000 to support enterprise-level survey tool technology.
- \$10,000 to \$20,000 for travel and other stakeholder engagement.

Background: Existing law establishes the following, among other things, as official state emblems:

- "Eureka" as the official State Motto.
- "The Golden State" as the official State Nickname.
- The golden poppy as the official State Flower, and April 6th of each year as California Poppy Day.
- The California desert tortoise as the official state reptile, and the Pacific leatherback sea turtle as the official state marine reptile.
- The California red-legged frog as the official state amphibian.
- The California dog-face butterfly as the official State insect.
- The pallid bat as the official state bat.
- The banana slug as the official state slug.
- The Dungeness crab as the official state crustacean.

Proposed Law:

- Requires CSL to study, in consultation with the public, the best candidate for the official state energy.
- Requires CSL to submit a report to the Legislature on its recommendations by January 1, 2028.
- Repeals the study on January 1, 2032.

Related Legislation: SB 1178 (Reyes, 2026) would have tasked the CSL with determining the best candidate for the official state wasp. SB 1178 was held on the Suspense File in this committee.

SB 1214 (Ochoa Bogh, 2026) would have tasked the CSL with determining the best candidate for the official state butterfly. SB 1214 was held on the Suspense File in this committee.

SB 1286 (Richardson, 2026) would have tasked the CSL with determining the best candidate for the official state pinniped. SB 1286 was held on the Suspense File in this committee.

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