
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 1501 (Berman) - Physician assistants and podiatrists

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: B., P. & E.D. 7 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Janelle Miyashiro

Bill Summary: AB 1501 is the sunset bill for the Physician Assistant Board (PAB) and Podiatric Medical Board of California (PMBC) and extends the operation of both programs until January 1, 2030 as well as makes changes recommended during the joint sunset review of the PAB and PMBC.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- The PAB reports revenue increases of approximately \$43,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and \$86,000 annually thereafter from the proposed floor fee level increases (Physician Assistant Fund). If all fees are set to the new statutory caps, revenues to the PAB would increase by up to \$2.4 million per year. PAB notes it would incur minor and absorbable costs to promulgate regulations to increase fees within the statutory limit.
- The PMBC notes updating the biennial renewal fee as proposed by this bill will increase revenues by approximately \$288,000 in FY 2025-26 and \$576,000 annually thereafter (Board of Podiatric Medicine Fund).
- The Office of Information Services within the Department of Consumer Affairs reports minor costs of approximately \$9,000 to deactivate obsolete fee codes for the PAB and PMBC, which is anticipated to be absorbable through the redirection of existing IT maintenance resources.

Author Amendments: Further clarify that podiatrists be classified or treated as doctors of podiatric medicine.

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