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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
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### AB 1532 (Committee on Communications and Conveyance) - Public Utilities Commission

**Version:** July 3, 2025  
**Urgency:** Yes  
**Hearing Date:** August 29, 2025

**Policy Vote:** E.,U.& C. 15-0, TRANS. 15-0  
**Mandate:** Yes  
**Consultant:** Ashley Ames

**Bill Summary:** This bill would extend the “Access for All” (AFA) program by seven years, from 2026 to 2032, and would require a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) commissioner to appear at a legislative hearing at the request of the Chair of a committee with jurisdiction over budget and policy issues relevant to the CPUC.

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

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

#### Fiscal Impact:

- Ongoing costs, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2032 (ratepayer funds) for the CPUC to continue administering the AFA program—the transportation network company (TNC) wheelchair-accessible vehicle (WAV) program—during a period in which it would otherwise have sunset absent this bill. The initial bill establishing the AFA program, SB 1376 (Hill, Ch. 701, Stat. of 2018) resulted in a subsequent budget change proposal (BCP) requesting ongoing funding of \$400,000 annually to implement its provisions. The Senate Appropriations Committee analysis of SB 1376 included the following fiscal impact: “The CPUC indicates this bill would result in annual costs of approximately \$337,000 (special fund) for two new positions to support transportation proceedings and rule development, to develop an enforcement program, and to conduct necessary litigation.”

**Committee Amendments:** These amendments would strike the new CPUC commissioner appearance requirements. Specifically, they would no longer require a commissioner to appear at a legislative hearing at the request of the chair of a Senate or Assembly committee with jurisdiction over budget or policy matters concerning the commission.

Existing law requires the President of the CPUC to annually appear before the relevant policy committees in the Legislature to present information included in the CPUC’s annual report. As a result, the President of the CPUC annually testifies before the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee and the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee. In addition to attending the annual CPUC oversight hearings required by statute, the CPUC president has consistently testified at other oversight hearings.

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