
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1600 (Arambula) - Disadvantaged communities: farmworker communities

Version: March 17, 2026

Policy Vote: E.Q. 7 - 0

Urgency: No

Mandate: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would expand the definition of "disadvantaged communities" (DACs) in the Health and Safety Code by explicitly authorizing the inclusion of farmworker communities that meet certain requirements.

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

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026**

Fiscal Impact:

- Cost pressures likely in the hundreds of thousands or low millions of dollars annually (General Fund or Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) for the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Air Resources Board, and other state entities to incorporate farmworker communities into the DAC designation as encouraged by this bill.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would strike the requirement for CalEPA to revise applicable screening tools and guidance documents to ensure the inclusion of farmworker communities as DACs in all relevant program eligibility determinations and benefit calculations. These amendments would also allow CalEPA to use existing data collected by other agencies to support identifying all relevant communities s DACs.

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