
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator John Laird, Chair
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Bill No:	AB 166	Hearing Date:	June 29, 2026
Author:	Committee on Budget		
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Urgency:	No	Fiscal:	No
Consultant:	Joanne Roy		

Subject: Resources

Summary: This bill is a natural resources and environmental protection trailer bill for the 2026-27 Budget. This bill contains various statutory changes necessary to implement the Budget Act of 2026.

Proposed Law: This bill:

- 1) Provides technical clarification and clean-up language to SB 345 (Hurtado): California Fire Service Training and Education Program: California Fire and Arson Training Act: fees.
- 2) Provides technical changes related to the Generation and Handling Fee, which among other things, include the following:
 - a. Authorizes the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to continue to administer and collect the fee if it was due and payable on or before September 30, 2022, rather than on or before June 30, 2022.
 - b. Changes the standard of proof for imposing a penalty from “willfully or knowingly” (intentional and conscious act) to “preponderance of the evidence” (more likely than not) of a feepayer who provides incorrect information or withholds information that results in a deficient payment or nonpayment.
- 3) Extends the Plastic Market Development Payment Program from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2029, and increases the maximum payment rate per ton from \$150 to \$250.

SUPPORT: None on file.

OPPOSED: None on file.

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