
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1661 (Bryan) - Oil and gas: low-production wells: Baldwin Hills Conservancy: Equitable Community Repair and Reinvestment Account: health impacts

Version: June 15, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: N.R. & W. 5 - 2

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would expand the uses of the Equitable Community Repair and Reinvestment Account (Account) and require direct cash assistance to be made available to certain families living within 2-1/2 miles of the identified low production oil or gas wells located in the Inglewood Oil Field in Los Angeles County, as provided.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- The Department of Conservation (DOC) estimates ongoing costs of \$477,000 in the first year and \$441,000 annually thereafter (Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Administrative Fund [OGGAF]) to develop program guidelines, including defining criteria for fund eligibility, provide support to the county in form of answering questions and provide policy guidance in relation to fund use, and audit the county's compliance in following the developed guidelines.
- By requiring a set-aside for direct cash assistance from the Account, this bill would create a one-time cost pressure of \$5 million on the Account, the General Fund, or some other potential funding source to the extent there is insufficient funding for all eligible families or DOC is unable to allocate this funding to other authorized project categories, such as park creation or expansion and maintenance of new outdoor amenities in park-poor neighborhoods, urban greening, affordable housing needed to accommodate community needs, climate mitigation and resilience, and community benefit projects with environmental cobenefits.
- To the extent the Commission on State Mandates determines that the provisions of this bill create a new program or impose a higher level of service on local agencies, local agencies could claim reimbursement of those costs, which could have a General Fund impact. By requiring the county to establish processes for individuals to verify that they meet the residency and health-impact requirements, this bill would imposing new duties on the County of Los Angeles. The bill would require DOC, subject to an appropriation, to distribute to the county for administrative purposes an amount that does not exceed 10% of the programmatic appropriation.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would limit the disbursement of direct cash assistance to 1,000 households and would require the county to select recipient households by randomized lottery if the number of applications from verified eligible households exceeds 1,000. Amendments would also exclude direct cash assistance from income or resource considerations for purposes of determining any member of the

household's eligibility for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance, under any state or local benefit or assistance program, as provided.

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