
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 1682 (Hart) - Health care coverage: scalp cooling

Version: February 2, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: HEALTH 11 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 1682 would require health plans and insurers, and the Medi-Cal program, to provide coverage for scalp cooling, as prescribed by a health care provider in connection with chemotherapy for persons with cancer.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown costs, likely minor, for the Department of Managed Health Care and the California Department of Insurance for state administration.
- Unknown ongoing General Fund costs, potentially tens of thousands, due to increased CalPERS plan premiums.

Author Amendments: Require small group plans and insurers to offer, rather than provide, scalp cooling; clarify the definition of scalp cooling; and clarify the Medi-Cal program requirements.

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