
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 1887 (Zbur) - Prescription drug coverage for rare diseases

Version: July 2, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: HEALTH 10 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 1887 would require health plans and insurers to complete prior authorization within 30 days upon initial request for a prescription drug for the treatment of a rare disease, as specified.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown ongoing 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 low millions, due to increases in CalPERS plan premiums.

Author Amendments: Add that the prescription drug must be the only U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved treatment for the rare disease.

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