
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1899 (Caloza) - Office of Youth Homelessness Prevention

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Policy Vote: HUMAN S. 5 - 0, HOUSING
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Urgency: No

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 1899 would establish the Office of Youth Homelessness Prevention.

Fiscal Impact:

- The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) estimates General Fund costs of \$1,223,000 in the first year and \$1,151,000 annually thereafter to support staffing for leading statewide coordination across various stakeholders, developing a framework with measurable goals, and aligning funding and policy toward achieving functional zero youth homelessness.
- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) estimates General Fund costs of \$1,096,000 in 2026-27 and \$1,072,000 annually thereafter to collaborate with the office on funding, policy, best practices, and engagement.

Background: State law requires the Cal ICH to set and measure progress towards goals to prevent and end homelessness among youth in California by doing both of the following:

- Setting specific, measurable goals aimed at preventing and ending homelessness among youth in the state. These goals must include, but not be limited to, all of the following:
 - Measurably decreasing the number of young people experiencing homelessness in the state.
 - Measurably increasing permanency rates among young people experiencing homelessness by decreasing the length and occurrences of young people experiencing homelessness caused by a youth's separation from family or a legal guardian.
 - Decreasing the duration and frequency of experiences of homelessness among California's youth.
 - Decreasing barriers to services through promoting cross-systems partnerships to expedite access to services, including social services, child welfare services, regional center services, and mental health services.
- Defining outcome measures and gathering data related to the goals.

Proposed Law: Specific provisions of the bill would:

- Establish the Office of Youth Homelessness Prevention in the Cal ICH to reduce youth homelessness in the state to functional zero.
- Require the office to create and post to its internet website a publicly accessible dashboard tracking the office's progress toward specified goals.
- Require the office to consult with a 12-member advisory committee, as specified.
- Establish the Office of Youth Homelessness Prevention Fund within the State Treasury; provide that the fund may accept gifts, grants, and other funds from any source, private or public; and require that moneys deposited into the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be made available to the Cal ICH.
- Require the office to report on its progress toward achieving the measurable goals to the Legislature and the Cal ICH on or before December 15, 2027, and annually thereafter.

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