
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1924 (Gabriel) - Statewide homelessness prevention strategy

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Policy Vote: HOUSING 10 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 1924 would require the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal-ICH) to develop and publicly issue a statewide homelessness prevention strategy with specified components by July 1, 2027, and to annually review, update, and publish revisions to the strategy.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Staff estimates that Cal-ICH would incur costs of \$192,000 in the first year and \$180,000 annually ongoing thereafter to develop and update the statewide homelessness prevention strategy for inclusion in its Action Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness (Action Plan), including coordination with relevant agencies to develop homelessness prevention action plans within agencies' existing resources, making recommendations for supporting the implementation of those action plans and highest impact homelessness prevention activities, and describing how state resources and actions will work towards preventing homelessness, as specified. (General Fund)
- Unknown individual agency and overall costs for relevant agencies to work with Cal-ICH staff to develop specified homelessness prevention action plans that detail specific actions each agency will take within its existing authority, activities, and resources to contribute to housing stability and homelessness prevention. Costs for each individual affected agency are not expected to be significant as implementation appears to utilize existing planning and reporting processes, including Cal-ICH's existing Action Plan process, and limits agency responsibilities to current programs and expertise. The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) indicates that costs to follow the action plan created in the homelessness prevention strategy would likely be minor and absorbable. (General Fund, various special funds)

Author Amendments:

- Delete the 12 specific state entities from the definition of "relevant agency" and instead include state agencies and departments represented on Cal-ICH's executive council.
- Delay the deadline to develop the homelessness prevention strategy to July 1, 2028, and require the strategy to be included in Cal-ICH's Action Plan.
- Make specified changes to the information included in the strategy, including: (1) emphasizing the use of available data and reporting systems, as well as existing

agency authority, activities, and resources; (2) adding recommendations for supporting the coordination and implementation of the homelessness prevention action plans and identifying the highest impact state and local homelessness prevention activities, as specified; and (3) deleting the following elements of the strategy:

- Recommendations for legislation or executive actions to implement homeless prevention action plans.
- A plan to coordinate and integrate homelessness prevention action plans.
- A plan to annually evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the action plans, as specified.
- A proposal for state resources and actions to prevent homelessness.
- An annual agenda recommending third-party evaluations of selected local or state homelessness prevention programs, not including action plans, that test the impact of those programs on homelessness prevention.
- Delete the requirement for Cal-ICH to annually review and update the strategy and publish revisions, and instead require Cal-ICH to review and update the strategy in the Action Plan.
- Specify that all of the following apply in implementing this bill:
 - Cal-ICH and relevant agencies must use reasonably available information, research, evaluations, and data, as specified.
 - A relevant agency's participation is limited to its existing statutory authority, activities, data, and subject-matter responsibilities.
 - A relevant agency must not be required to establish a new program or expand eligibility for, or the scope of, an existing program.

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