
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 1934 (Bennett) - State Fire Marshal: home hardening certification program implementation plan

Version: June 9, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: E.M. 9 - 0, N.R. & W. 7 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Janelle Miyashiro

Bill Summary: AB 1934 directs the Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee (WMAC) within the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to develop an implementation plan for a home hardening certification program by January 1, 2028.

******* 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 Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) reports costs of approximately \$6.9 million in year one, \$12.3 million in year two, \$17 million in year three, \$19.2 million in year four, and \$20.1 million in year five and ongoing to establish and implement the certification program (General Fund).

Author Amendments:

- Require the certification program recommendations to include the minimum tier for any voluntary home hardening certification to be consistent with, and no less stringent than, the base level standards developed by a nationally recognized wildfire prepared standard-setting organization, or be based on an actuarial finding that the minimum tier provides a meaningful reduction in ember-based ignitions.
- Make other technical and clarifying changes.
- Add a coauthor.

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