
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2032 (Ransom) - Fish and wildlife: golden mussels

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Urgency: Yes

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

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

Mandate: No

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would exempt a public or private agency that operates a water supply system from certain California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) permitting requirements until an invasive mussel control plan is submitted, approved, or denied, as applicable; require at least quarterly updating of an online map of golden mussel observations by CDFW; and require the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the State Water Resources Control Board to quickly and efficiently respond to the threat of golden mussels, among other provisions, as provided.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****
The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- Ongoing costs in the low hundreds of thousands of dollars annually (General Fund) for CDFW to develop all identified best management practices and provide research guidance, among other things.
- The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) reports its fiscal estimate is unknown and could range from minor to the low hundreds of thousands of dollars. CDPR states that it is unable to determine an exact cost estimate at this time as it's unclear the range of work CDPR would be tasked with on invasive mussels as a result of this bill.
- The State Water Board and Regional Water Boards anticipate minor and absorbable costs and note the boards are actively engaging on this issue via the draft "Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Discharges from Pest Control Applications to Waters of the United States," which provides regulatory coverage for the point source discharge of chemical and biological residual pesticides and other nonpesticidal products to waters of the United States from aquatic animal invasive species control applications.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would broaden the scope to invasive mussels in general, delete the streamlined project proposal pathway for golden mussel scientific research, and make other changes.

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