
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 2045 (Connolly) - Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act

Version: July 6, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: N.R. & W. 7 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would extend the sunset on the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act (HREA) that provides for streamlined permitting for small voluntary restoration projects at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), 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 to CDFW in the low- to mid-hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to continue administering the HREA until January 1, 2032 (Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Account within the Fish and Game Preservation Fund). These costs would be somewhat offset by HREA application fees, which partially cover CDFW's project review and program development costs.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would require establishment of a fee schedule as provided and clarify that project approval authorizes taking of only the species listed by a project proponent.

Committee Amendments: Committee amendments would maintain the existing fee requirement and allow CDFW to continue collecting fees in the interim until the fee structure is established.

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