
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 2081 (Stefani) - Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternatives Waiver

Version: March 26, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: HEALTH 11 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 2081 would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to expand the number of Medi-Cal Home and Community-Based Alternative (HCBA) waiver slots, as specified.

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

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

Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing costs, potentially hundreds of thousands, for DHCS for state administration (General Fund and federal funds).

Author Amendments: Require DHCS to increase the total number of HCBA waiver slots by 5,000, rather than 10,000; and delete the requirement that DHCS seek amendments to the HCBA waiver.

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