
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2103 (Irwin) - Office of Data and Innovation: Engaged California Program

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: P., D.T., & C.P. 7 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 2103 would establish in the Office of Data and Innovation (ODI), the Engaged California Program, a statutory platform for dialogue between Californians and state government.

Fiscal Impact: Major administrative costs to ODI to continue statutory governance and operational requirements of the Engaged California Program (Data and Innovation Services Revolving Fund, General Fund).

Significant to major costs to state entities to participate in Engaged California Programs for outreach, community engagement, communications, data sharing and technical expertise depending on the topics selected. (Special funds, General Fund).

Background: Commencing in early 2025, the Engaged California platform has produced three statewide strategic initiatives:

The Los Angeles Fire Recovery. "We worked with over 900 people affected by the Eaton and Palisades wildfires. Their input will help shape long-term recovery plans." This initiative cost approximately \$1 million, which include some initial program development costs.

State Employees. "More than 1,400 state employees gave their input. Their ideas will make California more efficient and effective." This initiative, mostly completed by ODI, cost approximately \$100,000.

Impact of AI On Work. "We are hearing your views on AI. How you use it in your work, and how you think it will affect the future of jobs."

Proposed Law: The Engaged California Program was established administratively. This bill establishes the program in statute and includes the Legislature in topic selection and makes funding from the Data and Innovation Services Revolving Fund available upon appropriation. The fund contains moneys appropriated by the Legislature, donations, endowments or grants of funds from private or public sources and any other moneys that may be made available to the ODI from any other source.

Related Legislation: SB 112 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Chapter 364/2019 created the Digital Innovation Services Revolving Fund, which was retitled to the Data and Innovations Services Revolving Fund by AB 156 (Committee on Budget) Chapter 569/2022 which changed the revenue source and changed the administering agency of the Engaged California Program from the Secretary of Governmental Operations to the ODI.

Staff Comments: The ODI reports annually to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee which contains detailed information on completed and ongoing projects, including CalData and Callnnovate.