
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 2115 (Ramos) - California Native Americans: formal apology

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Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: JUD. 11 - 0, G.O. 14 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: AB 2115 would require the State of California to recognize and accept responsibility for harms committed against California Native Americans. The bill would require a plaque memorializing this apology to be installed in the State Capitol Building and would authorize the Department of General Services and the Joint Rules Committee to receive money from grants and private donations.

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

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

Fiscal Impact: \$500,000 to \$1 million one-time to design and install a plaque memorializing this apology. Minor absorbable costs annually for maintenance (federal, General Fund, local, private).

Author Amendments:

- Strike the requirement that Department of General Services, in consultation with the Joint Rules Committee, shall complete all the following goals:
 - Review of the preliminary design plans to identify potential maintenance concerns.
 - Review and approval of California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) documents prepared for work at the designated historic property.
 - Review of final construction documents to ensure that all requirements are met.
 - Prepare a maintenance agreement outlining the Department of General Services responsibility for the long-term maintenance of the plaque due to aging, vandalism, or relocation.
- Instead, require Department of General Services, in consultation with the Joint Rules Committee, to complete both of the following goals:
 - Ensure Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101, 12101 et seq.) compliance and other safety concerns.
 - Develop a maintenance plan for the long-term maintenance of the plaque.

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