
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 2143 (Irwin) - Invasive species: noxious weeds: online marketplaces

Version: May 18, 2026

Policy Vote: AGRI. 4 - 0, P., D.T., & C.P.
9 - 0

Urgency: No

Mandate: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

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Bill Summary: AB 2143 would prohibit an online marketplace, as defined, from facilitating the sale or shipment of noxious weed for delivery to an address located in the State.

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

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

Fiscal Impact: CDFA indicates that this bill would result in ongoing annual costs of \$550,000 to establish and administer a state-level enforcement program, including (1) investigative staff to pursue violations by online marketplaces, and (2) outreach staff to assist with compliance. CDFA notes it currently lacks the resources to investigate online sales of noxious weeds and that existing enforcement is generally conducted by county agricultural commissioners. While the bill authorizes administrative penalties, CDFA indicates that fine revenue is unlikely to offset program costs, likely requiring General Fund support. Actual costs could increase depending on the number and complexity of enforcement actions required.

Author Amendments: Make technical changes, delay the implementation until April 1, 2027, and add of an appeals process for administrative penalties assessed under the bill.

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