
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2232 (Patterson) - Parole advancement hearings: reporting

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 2232 would require the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) to publish an annual report on the advance parole consideration hearing date process. The provisions of the bill would sunset January 1, 2032.

Fiscal Impact: To the extent that some of the data required by this bill may not be currently captured, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) estimates annual cost pressures, likely in the low hundreds of thousands of dollars, to collect, analyze, and publish the required data specified. Costs would primarily be associated with staff workload and data collection activities. To the extent existing systems are insufficient to capture or report the required information, one-time information technology costs may be incurred to modify existing systems or develop new data tracking and reporting functionality. (General Fund)

Background: Existing law entitles victims to be informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender.

When a person is denied parole at a parole hearing, the hearing panel will decide the denial length, that is, the amount of time until the person's next parole hearing. The parole denial length is between 3 and 15 years. Once BPH has set the date of the person's next parole hearing, the future hearing date can be advanced if (1) the incarcerated person can file a petition to advance their next hearing date or (2) BPH may advance the hearing on its own. Both processes allow for the hearing date to be advanced when there is a change in circumstance or new information establishes a reasonable likelihood that public safety does not require the person to remain incarcerated

Proposed Law: This bill adds Penal Code Section 3069.6(b) which requires BPH, in coordination with CDCR, to collect and publish annual data regarding requests to advance parole consideration hearing dates and administrative review processes of those requests. BPH would be required to submit the report to the Legislature and make the report publicly available on its website on March 1, 2027, and annually thereafter.

This bill requires the report to include all of the following:

- Volume and outcomes, including:
- Timing and impact.

- General criteria and factors relied upon in granting or denying advancement
- Types of rehabilitative programming considered, including cognitive behavioral interventions.
- Victim considerations, including:

This bill requires BPH to maintain a written summary of the decision for each request to advance a parole consideration hearing date made by an incarcerated person. Specifies that the summary include the basis for approval or denial and the primary factors considered.