
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 2244 (Gabriel) - Non-Ultraprocessed Certified food standard

Version: June 25, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: HEALTH 10 - 0, JUD. 12 - 1

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 2244 would establish a regulatory process for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to accredit certification agents that can certify products as "Non-Ultraprocessed Certified."

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown ongoing General Fund costs, potentially hundreds of thousands, for the CDPH for state administration.
- The California Department of Justice anticipates a minor fiscal impact to the department.
- Unknown potential costs to local enforcement agencies related to requirements on grocery stores. Costs could be potentially reimbursable by the state, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates.
- Unknown, potential workload costs to the courts to adjudicate cases seeking injunctive relief (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund). While the courts are not funded on a workload basis, an increase in workload could result in delayed court services and would put pressure on the General Fund to increase the amount appropriated for trial court operations.

Committee Amendments: Specify that provisions remain operative until funds appropriated for this purpose are exhausted or until January 1, 2040, whichever is sooner.

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