SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2266 (Schultz) - Electricity: load-serving entities

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Urgency: No
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Policy Vote: E., U. & C. 14 - 2
Mandate: Yes
Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), on and after January 1, 2030, when setting certain resource procurement obligations for load-serving entities (LSEs), to use the same capacity valuation method to assess the reliability contribution of each resource type.

*********** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE ***********
The following information is revised to reflect amendments adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact:
- Unknown but significant ongoing CPUC costs, possibly around a million dollars annually (ratepayer funds), to implement the provisions of this bill. Potential CPUC workload could include rulemaking, methodology development, reconciliation with the Slice-of-Day framework, compliance and other reporting, and coordination with the CEC and utilities.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would narrow the CPUC's same-methodology requirement — requiring use of the same capacity valuation methodology, when setting resource adequacy procurement requirements and evaluating a load-serving entity's compliance status, to ensure consistent and predictable compliance standards — and would authorize the CPUC to use different capacity valuation methodologies when setting the planning reserve margin and evaluating short-term, mid-term, and long-term reliability needs, among other changes. These amendments would preserve the CPUC’s methodology flexibility in analytical settings — the planning reserve margin and integrated resource planning reliability evaluations.

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