
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 2304 (Lackey) - Social workers

Version: June 24, 2026

Policy Vote: HUMAN S. 5 - 0, PUB. S. 6 -
0

Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 2304 would require a county child welfare services social worker to secure emergency medical services for a child, if it reasonably appears the child requires immediate care, as specified.

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

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

Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing costs, potentially hundreds of thousands, for county social workers to obtain emergency care (General Fund and federal funds). Costs to counties would be potentially reimbursable by the state, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates.

Author Amendments: Clarify the requirements for social workers related to obtaining emergency care; and require that if the social worker knows, or there is reason for the social worker to know, that the child is an Indian child, the social worker must notify the child's tribe as soon as reasonably possible when securing emergency care.

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