
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2310 (Carrillo) - Illegal dumping

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Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: Yes

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Bill Summary: AB 2310 would increase fines and penalties for illegal dumping and increase fines and penalties for commercial quantities of illegal dumping

Fiscal Impact: Unknown annual costs to the counties to incarcerate if a one year misdemeanor sentence is imposed. If the commercial quantity of debris is in excess of 50 yards, the sentence is 16 months, 2 years or 3 years in county jail and a mandatory fine of \$50,000. The average annual cost to incarcerate one person in county jail is approximately \$80,000. In 2021 Los Angeles County budgeted \$1.3 billion for jail costs with \$90,000 per incarcerated person. Actual incarceration costs to counties will depend on the number of convictions and the length of each sentence. Generally, county incarceration costs are not reimbursable state mandates pursuant to Proposition 30 (2012).

Likely minor costs to the courts to adjudicate new misdemeanor and felony charges. Sentencing proceedings for the new commercial dumping penalties may be more complex than typical misdemeanors given the substantial mandatory fines (\$25,000 and \$50,000), as the bill requires courts to consider the defendant's ability to pay when setting fines, including an assessment of the defendant's present and foreseeable financial position. (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund)

Proposed Law: This bill increases the penalty for a fourth or subsequent offense of illegal dumping to a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for no more than six months and by a mandatory fine of no more than \$5,000. If court finds that the debris was used tires, the fine is doubled.

This bill provides that a person who dumped debris in commercial quantities in excess of 25 cubic yards shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year and by a fine of \$25,000 for each conviction. Where the commercial quantity is in excess of 50 cubic yards, the person may be punished by imprisonment in county jail for up to one year or by imprisonment in state prison for 16 months, two years, or three years and a fine of \$50,000 for each conviction.

This bill prohibits a private owner, including any person with the private owner's permission, from placing, depositing, dumping or transporting waste matter, rocks, concrete, asphalt, dirt, or construction debris on their property if the placing, depositing, dumping, or transporting of those materials requires a permit or license from a state or local agency and one was not obtained.

This bill provides that the court shall require a person convicted of illegal dumping to remove the debris if both of the following circumstances are met:

- The person convicted is the owner of the property where the dumping of debris occurred.
- The dumping of debris requires a permit and one was not obtained, or creates a public health and safety hazard or a fire hazard.

This bill expands the illegal dumping prohibitions to include the dumping of construction debris, and to include the transport for the purpose of dumping specified materials