# SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
**Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair**
**2025 - 2026 Regular Session**

**AB 2313 (Berman) - Gas corporations: gas distribution service line replacements: alternatives**

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**Urgency:** No
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**Policy Vote:** E., U. & C. 11 - 0
**Mandate:** Yes
**Consultant:** Ashley Ames

**Bill Summary:** This bill would establish the Home Energy Choice Act, which would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to solicit proposals for, and require each gas corporation to offer, a Gas Distribution Service Line Replacement Alternatives Program, on or before January 1, 2028, to provide certain residential gas customers served by a gas distribution service line that will be replaced with a monetary incentive to deploy gas distribution service line replacement alternatives and cease gas service to avoid the gas distribution service line replacement.

## *********** 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, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually (ratepayer funds), for the CPUC to staff the proceeding needed to create a Gas Distribution Service Line Replacement Alternatives Program for each utility, provide advisory support for determining cost-effective incentives and program design, oversee implementation and potential revisions to the program, and prepare annual reports to the Legislature — among other things.

- To the extent that this bill impacts energy rates, it could result in costs or savings to the state as a ratepayer. The State of California is a natural gas customer, purchasing roughly four percent of the gas sold by the state's utilities. As such, the state incurs costs when rates increase, and realizes cost savings if rates go down (various funds).

**Amendments:** These amendments would cap a programs at 1% of each utility's service territory, including customers participating in SB 1221 zonal decarbonization pilots; create a standard incentive level that must be less than the avoided cost of the service line replacement; and require that the CPUC establish a mechanism to ensure gas customers benefit from reductions in capital spending instead of requiring that the customers transitioning to electricity bear an equitable share of unrecoverable gas infrastructure costs.

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