
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2469 (Papan) - Data centers: water use disclosures

Version: July 2, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: N.R.&W. 4 - 1, L. GOV. 5 - 2

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would prohibit cities and counties from approving a discretionary or ministerial permit for the construction or expansion of a data center unless the applicant has provided specified water use and workforce information and assumed the full cost of water infrastructure needed to serve the project. It would also require the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to develop an estimate of annual water consumption for CII water users that qualify as large consumptive-use facilities, including data centers.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown but likely minor costs for DWR and the State Water Board.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would eliminate DWR's role in determining the full cost of water infrastructure improvements.

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