
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2599 (Bryan) - Slavery: corporate disclosures

Version: April 16, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: JUD. 11 - 1, PUB. S. 5 - 1

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: AB 2599 would require every in-state business entity with annual worldwide gross receipts exceeding \$100 million to complete an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, verifying that it has searched its records and those of any related entity for evidence of historical participation in chattel slavery. The bill requires the Civil Rights Department to receive affidavits, report annually to the Legislature, and build and maintain a public digital platform containing the affidavits and related data indefinitely.

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

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

Fiscal Impact: Estimated \$2.65 million in FY 2027-28 for personnel and \$2.2 million in FY 2028-29 and annually thereafter to the Civil Rights Department for legal, administrative, research, and information technology personnel, including contract personnel and hardware associated with the requirements of the bill. (General Fund)

Cost pressures of an unknown but potentially significant amount to the courts. Actual costs will depend on the number of cases filed and the amount of court time needed to resolve each case (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund).

Author Amendments:

- Specify the Civil Rights Department shall create the public digital platform, as specified.
- Strike the provision authorizing the Attorney General to bring an action for injunctive relief.
- Make other technical and clarifying changes.

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