SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2635 (Celeste Rodriguez) - Air pollution: small off-road engines: voucher programs: local regulation

Version: July 2, 2026
Urgency: No
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Policy Vote: E.Q. 7 - 0, L. GOV. 5 - 0
Mandate: Yes
Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require large and medium air districts, as defined, to offer commercial vouchers for zero-emission small off-road equipment (SORE), as specified; prohibit air districts from collecting or disclosing specified information from applicants; limit penalties for violations of local ordinances, as specified.

*********** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE ***********
The following information is revised to reflect amendments adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact:
- This bill would create significant ongoing cost pressures (General Fund or special fund) on CARB, perhaps in the hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars annually.
    - If the Legislature makes an appropriation pursuant to AB 2635, CARB assumes that it would be provided the funding for dissemination to the districts. For example, CARB has been designated as the State agency for funding distribution to the local air districts to support their air pollution control programs pursuant to HSC 39800 et al, which is the subvention program. Additionally, CARB distributes Carl Moyer funding to the air districts, as well as other incentive funding. CARB could incur resource impacts from the bill due to potential grant agreements, grant oversight, fiscal tracking, and reporting.
- To the extent the Commission on State Mandates determines that the provisions of this bill create a new program or impose a higher level of service on local agencies, local agencies could claim reimbursement of those costs, which could have a General Fund impact. Local air districts could incur unknown but potentially significant costs developing and implementing the program due to the bill’s program requirements such as language assistance to applicants as well as implementing the business verification provisions while still meeting requirements for transparency of public funds and accountability. These local costs are potentially reimbursable by the state, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates. The magnitude of these costs is unknown but could be in the hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars annually (General Fund).

Author Amendments: Author amendments would limit the number of languages for which an air district must provide language assistance to the top five non-English languages spoken within the district’s service area.

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