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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

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**AB 368 (Ward) - Energy: building standards: passive house standards**

**Version:** July 10, 2025

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 29, 2025

**Policy Vote:** E., U. & C. 16 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Ashley Ames

**Bill Summary:** This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of passive house building energy efficiency standards by climate zone and submit a report to the Legislature on its findings.

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

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025**

**Fiscal Impact:**

- Costs of up to \$300,000 per year until the report due date of July 1, 2028 (Energy Resources Program Account) for the CEC to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of passive house building energy efficiency standards by climate zone and submit a report to the Legislature on its findings.

**Committee Amendments:** These amendments would delay the report due date from December 31, 2026 to July 1, 2028 and delay the sunset from 2029 to 2032.

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