

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

CSA1 Bill Id:AB 482 Author:(Solache)

As Amended Ver:August 20, 2025

Majority vote

SUMMARY

This bill would update and revise many provisions in the California Table Grape Commission (CTGC) by, changing the membership of CTGC from 21 to 18 grape producers and a public member. Require the CTGC to annually compile and maintain a list of eligible producers who are qualified to vote in an election, expand the activities, powers, and duties of the commission to also include accepting and matching contributions of funds and making contributions of commission funds to other persons or agencies, and administering any program related to the table grape industry. Increases the maximum amount of the assessment to \$0.02 per pound, and would make numerous changes that technical, conforming and/or outdated.

Senate Amendments

If the CTGC operations are suspended, requires notification of CTGC suspension to CDFA's website instead of a public bulletin board at CDFA's Sacramento office.

COMMENTS

The California Table Grape Commission was established by an act of the state legislature in 1967. Approved by a grower referendum in 1968, the commission has been affirmed through grower referenda every five years since its inception. The purpose of the commission is to maintain and expand markets for fresh California grapes and to create new and larger intrastate, interstate, and foreign markets.

This bill seeks to update and modernize the CTGC, most of which has not been amended since its inception. The bill also seeks to increase the cap on assessments, which are set by the industry elected CTGC Board. The cap has not been adjusted since 1982. The bill does not increase the assessment, as that responsibility will continue to fall to the CTGC board.

The purpose of marketing programs are to provide agricultural producers and handlers an organizational structure, operating under government sanction, which allows them to solve production and marketing problems collectively that could not be addressed individually. Current marketing programs' activities include commodity promotion, research, and maintenance of quality standards.

Commissions provide a structure for solving problems while also providing a vehicle for collecting funds to support activities. Current commissions and marketing orders have been successful in expanding markets, improving product quality, and providing more research for pests and disease prevention.

According to the Author

Since 1967, the [CTGC] has represented the interests of the California Table Grape industry, which today represents more than \$2 billion in economic activity for our State. It is my privilege to work with the CTGC to update and modernize its law, in a manner that will allow it to continue its important work well into the future.

Arguments in Support

The CTGC's role is to create demand for California table grapes in the U.S. and in markets around the world to enhance the economic well-being of Californians. The commission is a strong tool that has been used wisely by generations of growers in an effort to expand the market for the fruit they grow and in so doing enhance the economic stability of the small rural communities in which they are based in the San Joaquin and Coachella Valleys. There is much work to be done in the years ahead and the changes provided by AB 482 will provide an important platform to allow growers of table grapes to continue their efforts to remain economically viable and in so doing continue to create jobs, opportunities, and economic development in rural areas of the state.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

Minor and absorbable costs to CDFA as a result of these updates. Mandatory assessments levied on table grape producers fund the operations of the CTGC. CDFA is reimbursed for all the direct and indirect expenses it incurs – approximately \$50,000 annually – in providing statutory oversight to the CTGC (Food and Agriculture Fund).

VOTES:**ASM AGRICULTURE: 7-0-1**

YES: Soria, Alanis, Aguiar-Curry, Connolly, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Ransom

ABS, ABST OR NV: Irwin

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

YES: Wicks, Sanchez, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Dixon, Elhawary, Fong, Mark González, Hadwick, Hart, Pacheco, Solache, Ta

ABS, ABST OR NV: Pellerin

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 74-1-4

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, Elhawary, Ellis, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO: DeMaio

ABS, ABST OR NV: Dixon, Flora, Jeff Gonzalez, Papan

SENATE FLOOR: 40-0-0

YES: Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNeerney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Reyes,

Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab,
Weber Pierson, Wiener

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