
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 546 (Caloza) - Health care coverage: portable HEPA purifiers

Version: July 7, 2025

Urgency: Yes

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: HEALTH 9 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 546, an urgency measure, would require large group health plans and insurers to include coverage for one portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) purifier in a county where a local or state emergency has been declared due to wildfires, as specified.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown costs, likely minor, for the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) and the California Department of Insurance (CDI) for state administration.
- Unknown potential General Fund costs to the extent there are increases in premiums for CalPERS plans.

Author Amendments: Clarify enrollee/insured benefits and authorize the DMHC and the CDI to issue guidance to plans/insurers, as specified.

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