
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 605 (Muratsuchi) - Employment: refineries: task force: safe staffing management plans

Version: July 2, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: L., P.E. & R. 4 - 1, E.Q. 4 - 2

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Robert Ingenito

Bill Summary: AB 605 would (1) establish the Refinery Safe Staffing Task Force to develop standards and best practices for retaining safe staffing levels at refineries, and (2) direct the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), within the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), to adopt regulations that require all refineries to develop safe staffing management plans, as specified.

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

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

Fiscal Impact: DIR would potentially incur costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to convene the Task Force.

Committee Amendments: Strike Sections 2 and 3 of the bill.

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