
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 630 (Mark González) - Abandoned recreational vehicles

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Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Liah Burnley

Bill Summary: Allows a public agency in Los Angeles County and Alameda County to dispose of a recreational vehicle, if the estimated value is \$4,000 or less, whenever a peace officer or public agency employee has reasonable grounds to believe that the recreational vehicle has been abandoned, 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, potentially significant costs to the state funded trial court system (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund) to adjudicate petition for a writ of mandates challenging agency decisions to dispose of recreational vehicles under this bill. As a result of making it easier to tow and dispose of recreational vehicles, subject to judicial review, this bill may lead to additional case filings that otherwise would not have been commenced with attendant workload and resource costs to the court. The fiscal impact of this bill to the courts will depend on many unknowns, including the number of petitions filed and the factors unique to each case. An eight-hour court day costs approximately \$10,500 in staff in workload. While the courts are not funded on a workload basis, an increase in workload could result in delayed court services and would put pressure on the General Fund to fund additional staff and resources and to increase the amount appropriated to backfill for trial court operations.
- Costs pressures (General Funds, local funds) to state and local law enforcement agencies, including the California Highway Patrol, sheriffs, police, University of California Police Department, and more associated with potentially increased appraisals of the value of recreational vehicles for purposes of this bill. In addition, to the extent that this bill results in increased vehicle tows and impounds, the impounding agency is responsible for any costs of impounding a vehicle if the associated case is dismissed, not filed or the court orders the release of the vehicle at the expense of the impounding agency. This bill could result in potential workload cost pressures to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) (Motor Vehicle Account) to the extent an uptick of recreational vehicles are removed, which requires the removing agency to provide a written report identifying the vehicle and its location to the office CHP. This bill could also result in potential workload costs pressures to the Department of Justice (DOJ) (General Fund) due to increased notifications by public agencies, the to the

Stolen Vehicle System within the DOJ.

- Unknown, potential workload cost pressures to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to the extent additional lienholders are required to obtain copies of the names and addresses of all persons having an interest in the recreational vehicles from the DMV.

Committee Amendments:

- Limit the scope of the bill to Los Angeles County and Alameda County.
- Add a sunset date of January 1, 2030.
- Make technical, conforming changes.

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