
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 689 (Blanca Rubio) - Foster youth: disaster aid assistance

Version: February 14, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: HUMAN S. 5 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 689 would create the Child Welfare Disaster Response Program.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown, ongoing General Fund cost pressures to fund the proposed Child Welfare Disaster Response Account.
- Minor and absorbable costs to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for state administration.

Author Amendments: Define “foster children and youth;” allow county probation departments and Indian tribes, as described, to be eligible for funds; and authorize CDSS to implement the bill’s provisions through all-county letters or similar written instructions, as specified.

Committee Amendments: Remove the reference to the \$2 million allocation.

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