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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
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### AB 799 (Celeste Rodriguez) - Prisons: death benefit for incarcerated firefighters

**Version:** May 29, 2025

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 29, 2025

**Policy Vote:** PUB. S. 6 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Liah Burnley

**Bill Summary:** Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to pay a death benefit for the death of any incarcerated crewmembers in the California Conservation Camp Program.

### \*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE \*\*\*\*\*

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

**Fiscal Impact:** CDCR anticipates that this bill will result in minimal ongoing General Fund costs given the limited number of firefighter deaths over the previous decade. However, these costs could be increased significantly depending on the interpretation of the language around physical and mental incapacitation of incarcerated firefighters in this bill. Currently, data is not available on the number of hand crewmembers who have become mentally or physically incapacitated. Regarding the average annual compensation for fire camp participants, CDCR indicates high-level estimates for calendar year 2022 at \$719.26 and 2023 at \$754.76.

#### Author Amendments:

- Add coauthors.
- Clarify that CDCR must pay a death benefit to an incarcerated fire crewmember that dies during, and resulting from the performance of their duties, as specified.

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