
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 841 (Patel) - State Fire Marshal: personal protective equipment: battery fires

Version: July 1, 2025

Policy Vote: G.O. 15 - 0

Urgency: No

Mandate: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

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Bill Summary: AB 841 requires the State Fire Marshal (SFM), in consultation with the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA), to develop a working group to make recommendations regarding personal protective equipment (PPE) used in responding to lithium-ion battery fires, as specified.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- The Department of Industrial Relations, which houses OSHA, notes costs of approximately \$169,000 in the first year and \$157,000 ongoing to consult with the SFM and participate in the working group (Occupational Safety and Health Fund).
- The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, which houses the SFM, anticipates the fiscal impact to convene the working group to be absorbable.

Author Amendments:

- Specify the working group include a representative from OSHA.
- Add a sunset date of January 1, 2031.
- Add Senator Rubio as a coauthor.

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