
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 896 (Elhawary) - Foster care: placement transition planning

Version: March 17, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: HUMAN S. 5 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 896 would require county child welfare agencies to adopt a policy for supporting foster children who are transitioning between placement settings and who are transitioning from foster care to reunification.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown one-time General Fund costs, likely low hundreds of thousands, for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for state administration.
- Unknown General Fund costs to fund counties to adopt policies required under the bill. Proposition 30 of 2012 provides that any legislation enacted after September 30, 2012 that has an overall effect of increasing the costs already borne by a local agency for realigned services applies to local agencies only to the extent that the State provides annual funding for the cost increase. Local agencies are not be obligated to provide programs or levels of service required by legislation above the level for which funding has been provided.

Author Amendments: Include Indian children and their tribes in provisions related to the development of placement transition policies and make technical changes.

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