
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 907 (Solache) - State Air Resources Board: board members: compensation

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Policy Vote: E.Q. 5 - 2

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: This bill would require the six part-time members of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) representing air districts to receive an annual salary equal to other board members (which was \$59,133 as of 2025).

Fiscal Impact:

- CARB estimates ongoing costs of \$555,000 per year (Air Pollution Control Fund [APCF]) to pay the salaries and benefits of all six air district members of CARB based on the current yearly salary for a non-district member of \$59,000. CARB notes that this salary increases whenever state employees receive general pay increases.
- CARB anticipates a small ongoing cost savings of about \$1,200 per year (APCF) due to the bill's deletion of the \$100 per day stipend for attending CARB meetings. CARB notes that currently there is only one district member that gets the \$100 stipend and the board meets about one day a month.

Background: The CARB Board leads California's efforts to reduce air pollution and climate changing emissions, protecting public health from smog, air toxics, and the impacts of a changing climate. Created by the Mulford-Carrell Act, and signed into law by Governor Ronald Reagan in 1967, the Board was given the responsibility to address serious air pollution issues on a statewide basis.

Today, the CARB Board consists of 16 members. Twelve are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the state Senate. The twelve members include six who serve on local air districts, four experts in fields that shape air quality rules, two public members, and one, the Chair, who serves as the only full-time member. The Governor can choose any of the board members to serve as the Chair.

The other four include two who represent environmental justice communities (one appointed by the Senate and the other by the Assembly) and two nonvoting members appointed for Legislative oversight, one each from the Senate and Assembly.

In July 2018, the Board established staggered six-year terms for voting members pursuant to AB 197.

Proposed Law: This bill would:

1. Repeal the prohibition on compensation for the six air district board members.

2. Repeal the \$100 per day, up to \$1000 per month, per diem for board members who are elected officials.
3. Require each member of the six air district board members to receive the salary specified in GOV § 11564, to be paid by CARB.

Related Legislation:

AB 2958 (Calderon, 2023) was identical to this bill and was held on the Suspense File in this committee.

AB 2522 (W. Carrillo, Chapter 406, Statutes of 2023) increased per diem compensation and limits for the board members of a number of air districts.

Staff Comments: CARB notes that the district member salary is based on the conditions outlined in Government Code §11564 and Health & Safety Code §39513.

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