
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 93 (Papan) - Water resources: data centers

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Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: N.R.& W. 5 - 2, L. GOV. 5 - 2

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require data center owners to submit specified information on water use when they apply for a local business license or renew an existing one.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown limited-term costs for the Department of Water Resources (DWR), likely in the low millions of dollars over four years (General Fund) to implement the provisions of this bill.

Committee Amendments: These amendments would:

1. Define “data center” as a room, or a portion of a room, in a building used primarily to house information technology equipment that serves a total information technology equipment load greater than 10 kilowatts and 20 watts per square foot of conditioned floor area.
2. Allow DWR, as part of any efficiency guidelines adopted by the department, to identify different tiers of data centers based on factors affecting water consumption and appropriate standards for each data center tier.

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