
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 986 (Muratsuchi) - State of emergency and local emergency: landslides and climate change

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: G.O. 15 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 986 adds “landslides” to the list of conditions constituting a state of emergency or local emergency.

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown potentially significant cost pressures in the event that a state of emergency is called due to a landslide (General Fund, special fund, and federal funds). The actual fiscal impact will depend on, among other things, the severity of the landslide, area(s) impacted, emergency response strategy required, and the duration of the state of emergency proclamation.
- No additional costs to the Office of Emergency Services (OES)

Background: Generally, the Emergency Services Act defines a “state of emergency” as the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, electromagnetic pulse attack, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor’s warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy or conditions causing a “state of war emergency.”

Proposed Law: Adds landslides to the list of conditions of disaster or extreme peril that may constitute a state of emergency or local emergency.

Related Legislation: SB 1461 (Allen, 2024) was substantially similar to this bill and would have added “landslide” to the conditions constituting a state of emergency or a local emergency. SB 1481 died on the Assembly Inactive File.

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