
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 1004 (Wiener) - Law enforcement: masks

Version: April 16, 2026

Urgency: Yes

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Policy Vote: PUB. S. 5 - 1

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: SB 1004 would add peace officers employed by a state agency to the definition of law enforcement officers prohibited from wearing a facial covering in the performance of their duties, except as specified. Adding peace officers employed by the state to the definition of law enforcement officers would make those officers subject to specified penalties. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state mandated local program.

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

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 14, 2026

Fiscal Impact: One time costs to state law enforcement entities to adopt the required policy regarding facial coverings. These costs, including IT costs across all entities to post the written policy, are likely to be minor for each state entity but in the aggregate may be in the high tens of thousands of dollars one time (General Fund, special funds).

To the extent there are prosecutions for misdemeanor violations of the prohibition on facial coverings by law enforcement officers, there will be related cost pressures to the courts to adjudicate the criminal charges and costs to the counties to incarcerate people who are convicted. These actual cost pressures and costs will depend on the number of prosecutions and convictions. Since a state law enforcement agency may avoid criminal liability for its officers by adopting a policy regarding use of facial coverings, there may be limited, if any, criminal charges filed (Trial Court Trust Fund, local funds).

Cost pressures to the courts to adjudicate civil actions for which defendants may not assert privileges or immunities as a result of this bill. Costs will depend on the number of actions and the amount of court time required by each action (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund).

Author Amendments: Amend to remove urgency clause and to correct conflicting language between state and federal wildlife agents.

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