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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair

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## SB 1013 (Cervantes) - Automated license plate recognition systems

**Version:** March 25, 2026

**Policy Vote:** TRANS. 9 - 3, P., D.T., &  
C.P. 7 - 2

**Urgency:** No

**Mandate:** Yes

**Hearing Date:** May 14, 2026

**Consultant:** Mark McKenzie

**Bill Summary:** SB 1013 would, among other things, require operators and users of automated license plate recognition (ALPR) systems to enhance reasonable security procedures by limiting access to ALPR systems and requiring data security and data privacy training for employees with access to those systems. The bill would also prohibit public agencies from retaining ALPR information for more than 30 days, except as specified, and require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to conduct random audits of public agencies that are operators or end-users of ALPR information, upon appropriation of funding for that purpose.

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

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

### **Fiscal Impact:**

- Unknown General Fund cost pressures, likely in the low millions of dollars annually, for the DOJ to conduct random audits of public agencies that are ALPR operators or end-users. DOJ costs would only be incurred to the extent sufficient funds are appropriated in the annual Budget Act for these purposes, and the magnitude of this funding would determine how many audits could be conducted in a given year.
- Unknown, potentially significant state-mandated local costs for affected local public agencies who are ALPR operators or end-users to comply with the requirements of this bill, including costs to revise policies and procedures to ensure ALPR information is not retained longer than 30 days, to revise security procedures and practices to restrict access to ALPR information, and to develop and conduct training for all employees who access ALPR information, as specified. These local costs may be subject to reimbursement by the state, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates. (General Fund)
- Unknown, potentially significant costs in the aggregate, for state agencies who are ALPR operators or end-users to comply with the requirements of the bill. The California Highway Patrol indicates that any costs would be absorbable within existing resources. (various funds)

### **Author Amendments:**

- Authorize a law enforcement agency to use ALPR information for purposes of locating an individual who has been reported as missing to a law enforcement agency.

- Authorize a public agency to retain ALPR information beyond the specified 30 day period if the ALPR information is in the evidence file of an active investigation or criminal proceeding or matches information on an authorized hot list.

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