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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

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### SB 1021 (Choi) - Fishing and hunting: youth program

**Version:** April 7, 2026

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** May 14, 2026

**Policy Vote:** N.R. & W. 7 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Ashley Ames

**Bill Summary:** This bill would require the California Fish and Game Commission (commission) to establish a program to increase opportunities to fish and hunt for youth with life-threatening illness, and to develop the program through a public process, as provided.

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

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

**Fiscal Impact:**

- Unknown but likely significant ongoing costs (General Fund or special fund). The Department of Fish and Wildlife reports that the fiscal impact of the bill is unknown at this time without knowing the full magnitude of the program the Commission might develop. Unknown impacts include, but are not limited to, staff time and resources required to create, implement, and administer the program on an ongoing basis.

**Author Amendments:** Author amendments would require the commission, in establishing and implementing the program, to provide reasonable accommodations for participants in accordance with federal and state disability laws, as prescribed. The commission would be authorized to adopt additional reasonable accommodations consistent with safe, ethical, and science-based wildlife management practices.

**Committee Amendments:** Committee amendments would make establishment of the program contingent upon an appropriation.

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