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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

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### SB 1031 (Blakespear) - Solid waste: compostable products

**Version:** April 16, 2026

**Policy Vote:** E.Q. 5 - 2

**Urgency:** No

**Mandate:** No

**Hearing Date:** May 14, 2026

**Consultant:** Ashley Ames

**Bill Summary:** This bill would update compostable plastic labelling requirements so compostable plastics are distinguishable in the solid waste stream.

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

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

**Fiscal Impact:**

- The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) estimates one-time costs of about \$1 million and ongoing costs of at least \$625,000 annually (General Fund) to manage and implement the study required by this bill, including study design, contract oversight, interagency coordination, evaluation of findings, and preparation of biennial updates and the final report. OEHHA notes that ongoing contract funding is needed because the health effects of compostable plastics are an emerging issue with a sustained project timeframe. Ongoing contracting dollars would support sampling and assessment as research on compostable plastics evolves.

**Author Amendments:** Author amendments would remove the prohibition on labeling compostable products as compostable “Except in CA”

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