
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 1150 (Jones) - Cancer data: notifications

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Bill Summary: SB 1150 would require a health facility that is required under existing law to report cancer data to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to post a sign, as specified.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown one-time and ongoing General Fund costs, potentially tens of thousands, for the CDPH for state administration.

Background: Current law requires CDPH to establish a statewide system for the collection of information determining the incidence of cancer, using population-based regional cancer registries. Current law requires certain entities (including hospitals, physicians, and pathologists) to report each case of cancer to CDPH. Current law requires that the information collected is confidential, though persons with a valid scientific interest who are engaged in demographic, epidemiological, or other similar studies related to health who meet qualifications as determined by CDPH, and who agree, in writing, to maintain confidentiality, may be authorized access to the confidential information. State regulations require cancer reporting facilities and physicians to employ a mechanism to ensure that their patients are informed that cancer has been designated a reportable disease and that the facility will report each patient with cancer to CDPH as required by law.

CDPH operates the California Cancer Registry (CCR) to collect the cancer data. The CCR and regional registries use the data to write summary reports that inform the public about the status of cancer. Researchers may examine the data to identify areas that have high cancer rates and areas where people might benefit from cancer screening and education programs, or to look at trends in cancer diagnosis. Other uses include measuring the success of cancer screening programs; examining disparities in cancer risk, treatment, and survival; examining treatment choices and other predictors of survival; responding to public concerns and questions about cancer; and conducting research to find the causes and cures of cancer.

Proposed Law: Specific provisions of the bill would:

- Require CDPH to design a sign that contains both of the following elements:
 - The advisement that if a person is diagnosed with a cancer that has been designated a reportable disease, the facility will report their case to CDPH and that information may be made available to cancer researchers.
 - A quick response (QR) code that links to the California Cancer Registry internet website.

- Require a hospital or other facility required to report cancer data to CDPH, as specified, to post the sign described above in a conspicuous location.

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