
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 1156 (Caballero) - Vehicles: driving under the influence

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Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: SB 1156 would require the court, upon the conviction of a person for driving under the influence (DUI), DUI with injury, wet reckless, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, or vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, and the person has specified prior convictions, to issue an order prohibiting the person from purchasing alcohol for a period of 3 to 10 years.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown, potentially significant increased workload to the trial courts. The number of people convicted of one of the violations specified in the bill is unavailable. For reference, Department of Motor Vehicles DUI license actions data (Microsoft Word - 32nd DUI MIS Report) shows 206,316 total mandatory suspension/revocation actions in 2021. More narrowly, second offender suspension/revocations were 17,174 for misdemeanors and 599 for felonies in 2021. (There were 16,705 ignition interlock devices installed for DUI offenders arrested in 2020.)

The issuing of the prohibition is assumed to take place in the courtroom at the same time as the conviction is determined and require an estimated two hours of preparation and actual court time with one hour of court time estimated to cost approximately \$1,300. Approximately 20 such cases annually would result in cost pressure of \$50,000 or more. (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund).

While the courts are not funded on the basis of workload, an increase in workload could result in delayed court services and would put pressure on the General Fund to fund additional staff and resources and to increase the amount appropriated to backfill for trial court operations, The proposed 2026-27 Budget Act proposes \$70 million from the General Fund for this purpose.

Proposed Law: In imposing a prohibition order pursuant to Vehicle Code 23590, as added by this bill, the court shall consider all of the following:

- (1) *The severity of the offenses.*
- (2) *Prior history of driving under the influence.*
- (3) *Any other relevant factors in aggravation or mitigation.*

Staff Comments: The DMV report blends annual DUI arrest data and documentation from the Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center and annual alcohol- and drug involved crash data and documentation from the California Highway Patrol, Information Management Division.