
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 1158 (Stern) - Energy: reliability planning assessment

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Urgency: No

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Policy Vote: E., U. & C. 15 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require specified information to be included in a required quarterly energy reliability report.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Ongoing costs of less than \$240,000 annually (Energy Resource Program Account [ERPA] or General Fund) for the California Energy Commission (CEC) to gather the expanded information on transmission upgrades, grid capacity, and as required by this bill. The CEC would need to synthesize the information into the broader context of energy reliability, perform analysis including potential model improvements, and write new sections of the Joint Quarterly Reliability Planning Assessments. The CEC notes that ERPA often experiences structural shortfall and may not be an appropriate fund source to support implementation of this bill.
- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Department of Water Resources (DWR) anticipate any costs would be minor and absorbable.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would eliminate the status of permit applications and fossil fuel usage by DWR facilities from the information that the CEC would be required to collect.

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