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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

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### SB 1201 (McNerney) - CalFresh: veteran eligibility

**Version:** February 19, 2026

**Policy Vote:** HUMAN S. 4 - 0, M.&V.A. 3 -  
0

**Urgency:** No

**Mandate:** Yes

**Hearing Date:** May 14, 2026

**Consultant:** Agnes Lee

**Bill Summary:** SB 1201 would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to request specified federal waivers related to veterans' eligibility for CalFresh benefits.

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

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

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

- The CDSS estimates one-time General Fund costs of \$390,000 for updates to the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS).
- Unknown potential costs to counties for CalFresh administration. Costs would be potentially reimbursable by the state, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates.

**Author Amendments:** Add a co-author.

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