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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
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### **SB 1230 (Valladares) - Solid waste: illegal dumping: penalties: resources**

**Version:** February 19, 2026

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** May 4, 2026

**Policy Vote:** PUB. S. 6 - 0, E.Q. 7 - 0

**Mandate:** No

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**Bill Summary:** SB 1230 would increase the fines for the illegal dumping of waste matter. This bill requires the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to be the lead agency to act as a resource for cities and counties to address illegal dumping.

**Fiscal Impact:** Annual costs of \$155,000 beginning 2027-28 to implement the provisions of this bill (Solid Waste Disposal Site Cleanup Trust Fund).

**Background:** Illegal dumping, an increasing problem throughout the state, is punishable as an infraction, with increasing fines for a second, third, and subsequent offense. The dumping of commercial quantities of waste is punishable as a misdemeanor and also includes escalating fines.

These fines, authorized by Penal Code 374.3 are not allocated to CalRecycle; instead, they are deposited with the county treasurer in the jurisdiction where the dumping case is adjudicated. Of the total revenue, 50 percent is earmarked for litter-cleanup activities, and the other 50 percent is treated as an ordinary criminal fine and distributed pursuant to Penal Code 1463.001. Thus, all fine revenue stays within the impacted community, but only 50 percent is available for cleanup.

**Proposed Law:** This bill requires CalRecycle to create an internet website with resources to help cities and counties combat, prevent, and clean up illegal dumping. The internet website may include, but shall not be limited to, educational outreach materials, best practices, enforcement tools, and grant opportunities available to cities and counties. The department may collaborate with other state agencies for the internet website.

**Staff Comments:** The CalRecycle website has an Illegal Dumping Resources page which is a joint effort with the Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee. CalRecycle would improve visibility of resources for local jurisdictions, ensure greater accessibility and add supporting content. The additional workload, including any IT workload, is estimated to be absorbable. See <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/IllegalDump/>

**Related Legislation:** AB 2374 (Bauer-Kahan) Chapter 784/2022 increased fines for individuals and businesses who are illegally dumping commercial quantities of waste.