
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No: SB 124
Author: Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
Amended: 6/24/25
Vote: 21

SENATE FLOOR: Prior vote not relevant

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 74-1, 6/27/25 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Public resources trailer bill

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill is the omnibus Resources budget trailer bill. It contains provisions necessary to implement the 2025 Budget Act.

Assembly Amendments delete the Senate version of the bill and instead add the current language.

ANALYSIS: This bill:

- 1) Increases the statutory limits of the Office of Professional Foresters Registration fee schedule, as specified.
- 2) Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to begin to employ sufficient permanent firefighting personnel to increase the base period hand crew staffing levels. This bill specifies that the department maintains the ability to hire seasonal, temporary firefighters as needed to allow for surge hiring capacity to address emergency fire conditions or other personnel shortages.
- 3) Authorizes the California Natural Resources Agency, a nonprofit organization, Department of General Services, and Exposition Park to plan, construct, and maintain a memorial to the victims and survivors of the Holocaust at Exposition Park.

- 4) Requires the Governor's annual Budget Bill to increase the cap on the amount of funding appropriated by the Legislature from the Highway Users Tax Account, Transportation Tax Fund to the State Parks and Recreation Fund from \$3.4 million to \$12 million.
- 5) Clarifies that moneys from the Bay Fill Cleanup and Abatement Fund may be expended on technology services, programs, and personnel that directly support the existing authorized uses of this fund.
- 6) Provides the Department of Water Resources (DWR) authority to contract for the delivery of multi-benefit habitat and environmental outcomes. This authority is intended to enable the department to continue contracting for full delivery of multi-benefit and habitat restoration projects through public-private partnerships based on available funding.
- 7) Reduces the frequency of Department of Water Resources' report of findings related to the state's groundwater basins (Bulletin 118) to the Governor and Legislature from every five years to 10 years. Bulletin 118 is the state's official publication on the occurrence and nature of groundwater in the state, such as the location, characteristics, use, management status, and conditions, as well as findings and recommendations that support the future management and protection of groundwater.
- 8) Authorizes tank owners to begin projects while waiting for a final funding agreement for purposes of administrative efficiencies. This will allow them to replace, remove, or upgrade underground storage tanks pursuant to the Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) program.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: Yes Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

The funding related to the changes in this bill is contained in the 2025 Budget Act.

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/27/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/27/25)

None received

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 74-1, 6/27/25

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NOES: DeMaio

NO VOTE RECORDED: Bauer-Kahan, Pellerin, Sanchez, Ta

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