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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

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### SB 1266 (Stern) - Crimes: theft

**Version:** April 23, 2026

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** May 14, 2026

**Policy Vote:** PUB. S. 6 - 0

**Mandate:** Yes

**Consultant:** Bob Franzoia

**Bill Summary:** SB 1266 would (1) redefine how value is calculated for crimes related to the theft of copper materials, (2) to redefine how value is calculated for crimes related to the purchase or possession of stolen copper materials, and (3) authorize the value of the thefts of copper materials committed against critical infrastructure within a specified period to be aggregated to match a specified threshold.

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

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

**Fiscal Impact:** Major trial court cost pressure (Trail Court Trust Fund).

Major incarceration costs to the counties and to California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) (General Fund).

**Committee Amendments:** Strike Section 2 of the bill (Penal Code 496).

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