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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
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### SB 1305 (Richardson) - Wildlife: bears

**Version:** April 16, 2026

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** May 14, 2026

**Policy Vote:** N.R. & W. 5 - 2

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Ashley Ames

**Bill Summary:** This bill would require, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to develop a roadmap that evaluates whether, and under what conditions, reintroduction of the grizzly bear is feasible and advisable, and the extent to which the ecological functions once provided by the grizzly bear may be restored through human-mediated landscape restoration, including through reintroduction of the species.

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

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

**Fiscal Impact:**

- Unknown but likely significant limited-term costs until June 30, 2030 (General Fund, other special fund, or private funds) for CDFW to develop and make publicly available a roadmap that evaluates whether, and under what conditions, reintroduction of the grizzly bear is feasible and advisable, and the extent to which the ecological functions once provided by the grizzly bear may be restored through human-mediated landscape restoration, including through reintroduction of the species.
- Unknown but potentially significant ongoing cost pressures (General Fund and other various funds) in future years in order to provide funding for the projects and activities identified in the roadmap and, upon determinations that a self-sustaining grizzly population is biologically viable and following consultation with Native American tribes and community engagement, potentially for the reintroduction of the grizzly bear in the state.

**Author Amendments:** Author amendments would make expenditure of state funds for the development of a roadmap contingent upon an appropriation and allow CDFW to contract out with specialists in developing and completing the roadmap.

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