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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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## **SB 1394 (Limón) - Environmental protection: lands and coastal waters: conservation goals: reports**

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**Urgency:** No  
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**Policy Vote:** N.R. & W. 7 - 0  
**Mandate:** No  
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**Bill Summary:** This bill would require that the annual report on progress toward achieving the “30x30” conservation goal include sufficient information to accurately quantify and identify the acreage reported to be newly conserved and distinguish it from acreage previously reported as conserved, and that the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) post the report on its website.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

- CNRA estimates one-time costs of \$915,000 (General Fund) for set up and initial implementation as well as ongoing costs of \$640,000 or more annually (General Fund) for ongoing data collection and management.

### **Background:**

**30x30.** California’s 30x30 initiative to conserve 30% of the state’s land and coastal waters by 2030 is part of an international movement to conserve natural areas across our planet, through which scores of countries have established their own 30x30 commitments. California’s initiative seeks to protect and restore biodiversity, expand access to nature, and mitigate and build resilience to climate change.

### *Existing law:*

- 1) Authorizes, pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4), \$1.2 billion to protect California’s biodiversity and to protect nature and restore landscape health to achieve California’s climate change goals (Public Resources Code (PRC) § 93000).
- 2) Establishes CNRA and vests it with the responsibility to restore, protect, and manage the state’s natural, historical, and cultural resources for current and future generations (Government Code § 12805).
- 3) Establishes a goal to conserve 30 percent of California’s land and coastal waters by 2030 (“30x30”) (PRC § 71450 and Executive Order No. N-82-20).
- 4) Requires the Secretary of CNRA to annually submit a report to the Legislature on the progress made in the prior calendar year toward achieving the 30x30 goal (PRC § 71452).

**Proposed Law:** This bill would:

- 1) Require the report on the progress toward achieving 30x30 include sufficient information to accurately quantify and identify the acreage reported to be newly conserved and distinguish it from acreage previously reported as conserved.
- 2) Require the Secretary of CNRA to post the progress report on the CNRA website where it is publicly accessible.

**Related Legislation:**

AB 900 (Papan, Chapter 385, Statutes of 2025) requires CNRA to develop strategies to reduce barriers and increase support for stewardship of conserved lands.

AB 2440 (Reyes, Chapter 716, Statutes of 2024) requires CNRA to prioritize promoting and supporting partnering state agencies and departments that acquire and steward state land, and requires the progress report include information on the amount of funding expended by each partnering state agency and department for land and water conservation, science and research, public outreach and engagement, and managing, monitoring, and restoring conserved lands and water, as well as information on state funding invested in equitable outdoor access.

SB 1402 (Min, 2024) would have required all state agencies, departments, boards, offices, commissions, and conservancies to consider the 30x30 goal when adopting, revising, or establishing plans, policies, or regulations that directly affect the use of coastal waters or land, management of natural resources, or biodiversity conservation. This bill was held on the Assembly Appropriations suspense file.

**Staff Comments:** CNRA anticipates it would require significant work to restructure existing databases and to perform the necessary research to collect and update existing data sets. CNRA would implement this work in a phased approach. Estimated costs provided for each phase. 1) Pre-project planning and scoping to establish scale and collection approach for updating datasets, estimated at \$125,000 for staff hours and consulting. 2) Outreach, data review, and collection. Costs would fluctuate depending on how quickly and how widely the data review and updates would need to occur but estimated at 2 PYs (\$415,000) over two years, and consulting \$100,000). 3) Restructuring of existing databases and increased ongoing costs to maintaining datasets through existing consulting contracts (\$150,000 for restructuring work, and \$125,000/year for ongoing data management.

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