

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 178 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

As Amended August 28, 2026

Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately

SUMMARY

This bill contains natural resources statutory provisions related to the August 2026 budget package.

Major Provisions

- 1) Establishes the Farmland Access and Conservation for Thriving Communities Act at the Department of Conservation (DOC).
 - a) Requires DOC to administer the Farmland Access and Conservation for Thriving Communities Program and provide grants and related technical assistance to qualified entities, as specified.
- 2) Appropriates \$150,000 General Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) and requires Parks, no later than April 1, 2027, and in consultation with the California Coastal Commission, California Transportation Agency, and the Monterey County District 5 Supervisor, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature related to parking concerns and public safety near the Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, as specified.
- 3) Provides \$60 million one-time from the Beverage Container Recycling Fund to support Local Conservation Corps activities.

COMMENTS

This bill implements statutory changes related to the August 2026 budget package.

According to the Author

This bill implements the August 2026 budget package.

Arguments in Support

None of file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill appropriates \$60.15 million total funds (\$150,000 General Fund) which were already assumed as spending in the June 2026 budget package.

VOTES**SENATE FLOOR: 28-10-2**

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener
NO: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes, Stern

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