
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 899 (Grove) - Fire prevention: Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force: wildfire smoke

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Policy Vote: N.R. & W. 7 - 0, E.Q. 7 - 0
Mandate: No
Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, on or before July 1, 2028, and in cooperation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and the Department of Public Health (CDPH), to assess the health costs and impacts of wildfire smoke, and to develop a model to determine the health benefits of achieving the goals of the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- OEHHA estimates one-time costs of \$1.6 million (General Fund) in contract funds for completion of the required studies in cooperation with the other departments named in this bill.
- One-time costs of \$1.4 million (General Fund) for the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to support OEHHA's assessment and otherwise contribute to implementation of this bill.
- The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) estimates one-time costs of \$500,000 (General Fund) to support the cost of a contract to hire an outside entity to produce the required assessment of wildfire smoke, health costs, and impacts.
- Unknown, potentially significant one-time costs (General Fund) for CDPH to implement the provisions of this bill.
- The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), and Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) anticipate any costs would be minor and absorbable.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would add CARB to the entities listed in the bill to cooperate with the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force on the wildfire smoke assessment.

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