
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

SB 909 (Smallwood-Cuevas) - Public works

Version: January 26, 2026

Policy Vote: L., P.E. & R. 4 - 1, JUD. 11 -
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Urgency: No

Mandate: No

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Consultant: Robert Ingenito

Bill Summary: SB 909 would make specified changes to (1) certain Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) fees and penalty amounts, and (2) their allocation in the State Treasury.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- DIR has yet to determine the fiscal impacts that would result from the bill, but annual costs to the department could exceed \$150,000 annually (special funds).
- The bill would likely result in increased penalty revenue, the annual magnitude of which is unknown (State Public Works Enforcement Fund).
- Redirecting penalty money to the State Public Works Enforcement Fund could reduce the annual amounts deposited into other funds, including the General Fund, by an unknown amount.

Author Amendments: Remove automatic CPI adjustments for registration fees and penalties, and instead authorize DIR to establish and adjust annual registration and fees of up to \$1,000.

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