
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair

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SB 925 (McNerney) - Fusion energy: State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: strategic plan: certification and environmental review

Version: April 28, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Policy Vote: E., U. & C. 17 - 0, E.Q. 7 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop a strategic plan for the development of nuclear fusion facilities, and would expand the types of facilities eligible to be certified by the CEC as environmental leadership development projects (ELDPs) to include discretionary projects for the manufacture, production, or assembly of specialized products, components, or systems integral to fusion energy.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- The CEC estimates one-time costs of \$3.3 million spread over two years and ongoing costs of \$2.2 million annually (Energy Facility Licensing and Compliance Fund [EFLCF] and either Energy Resources Programs Account [ERPA] or General Fund) to implement the provisions of this bill. Of this amount, up to \$1.8 million may be offset by fee revenue from Opt-In program applicant deposits. (Additional details in staff comments.)
- The Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) estimates one-time costs of about \$101,000 spread over two years (General Fund) to support updates to guidelines, facilitate development of communications materials, and support coordination and engagement.
- Unknown but likely very significant ongoing cost pressure, perhaps over \$10 million annually (various funds), to fund elements of the strategic plan once it is developed pursuant to this bill.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would add coauthors.

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