
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

SB 931 (Laird) - Diablo Canyon nuclear powerplant: Community Impacts Mitigation Program

Version: April 29, 2026

Urgency: Yes

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Policy Vote: E., U. & C. 13 - 3

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Ashley Ames

Bill Summary: This bill would extend funding for the Community Impacts Mitigation Program, to offset unitary tax collections in San Luis Obispo County, by authorizing the collection from all electric utility ratepayers statewide.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown, potentially significant costs, possibly in the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually until the Diablo Canyon nuclear powerplant is closed in 2030 (ratepayer funds), for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to extend the Community Impacts Mitigation Program and provide oversight of funds collected by the Load Serving Entities (LSEs).
- Unknown costs to the state as an electric utility ratepayer through the end of 2030 (various funds) due to continued collections from ratepayers statewide to cover the costs of activities authorized by this bill. The Community Impacts Mitigation Program cost about \$9 million per year through 2025. Extending the program through 2030 pursuant to this bill could easily require an additional collection in the tens of millions of dollars from electricity customers. The State of California, as one such customer, could incur costs as a result. The state is an electric utility ratepayer, purchasing roughly one percent of the state's electricity. The fiscal impact this bill would have on ratepayers is unknown, but could be significant.

Author Amendments: Author amendments would specify that funding would be provided to the Essential Service Mitigation Fund established by the Community Impacts Mitigation Program, and would require that the County of San Luis Obispo distribute the monies deposited into this fund within 30 days of receipt to those entities that previously received allocations from the county from disbursements approved in CPUC Decision 18-11-024. These amendments would provide that amounts shall be distributed on a weighted basis consistent with the relative shares reflected in the distribution methodology as approved in that decision.

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