
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair

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SB 962 (Archuleta) - Emergency vehicles: blue warning lights

Version: March 9, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Policy Vote: TRANS. 12 - 0, PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Mark McKenzie

Bill Summary: SB 962 would authorize parole officers to display blue warning lights from their emergency vehicles in the performance of their official duties, if an officer completes a specified four-hour classroom training course certified by the Commission on Correctional Peace Officers Standards and Training (CPOST).

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) would incur unknown, significant one-time costs, potentially as high as the low millions of dollars, if funds are appropriated and the department exercises the authority granted in this bill to install light bars on parole officer vehicles. These costs would be lower to the extent CDCR only installs light bars on a portion of its parole officer vehicles. (General Fund)
- CDCR would also incur unknown one-time costs, likely in the low hundreds of thousands of dollars, for parole officer staff time associated with completion of the four-hour training course, and for costs associated with the provision of training through CPOST. Actual costs would depend upon how many parole officers would be directed to complete training. CDCR further estimates one-time costs in the low tens of thousands of dollars to develop the four-hour classroom training course. (General Fund)

Author Amendments: Authorize CDCR to install blue warning lights on emergency vehicles operated by a parole officer upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature.

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