

SENATE THIRD READING
SB 100 (Wiener)
As Amended April 7, 2025

SUMMARY

Amends the 2024 Budget Act to implement the 2025 Early Action budget package.

Major Provisions

Specifically, **this bill**:

- 1) Appropriates \$181 million of Proposition 4 wildfire prevention and forest resilience bond funds as follows:
 - a) \$30.9 million to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy
 - b) \$23.5 million to the California Tahoe Conservancy
 - c) \$31.3 million to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - d) \$30.9 million to the State Coastal Conservancy
 - e) \$30.9 million to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
 - f) \$23.5 million to the San Diego River Conservancy
 - g) \$10 million to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for purposes of funding training center infrastructure for a fire resiliency center for the Karuk Tribe
- 2) Provides authority to the Department of Finance to utilize funding authorized in First Extraordinary Session for the Eaton and Palisades fires in Los Angeles Counties to offset property tax revenue losses of specified local governments from 2024-25 and 2025-26 fiscal years, similar to prior property tax backfills after major natural disasters;
- 3) Authorizes the Department of Finance to augment the CalOES budget for unmet response and recovery needs resulting from damage caused by the Eaton and Palisades fires from funds authorized during the First Extraordinary Session;
- 4) Allocates \$1 million Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) through the reappropriation item to provide technical assistance to local educational agencies impacted by the wildfires;
- 5) Appropriates \$11.1 billion (\$2.8 billion General Fund) for the Department of Health Care Services to cover additional unanticipated Medi-Cal Program costs experienced in the current fiscal year;
- 6) Extends the encumbrance period for funds provided to the Environmental Protections Agency for the Green Small Business Network Program to allow for the payment of a late invoice;

- 7) Corrects the citation for a revision of climate resilience funding that was reverted from the 2024 Budget Act;
- 8) Authorizes \$7.65 million in additional reimbursement authority to CalOES to extend a contract for utility operational observers in a contract ended June 30, 2026;
- 9) Updates the fiscal agent for \$1 million provided to CalOES in the 2024 budget for the Weaverville Fire Department;
- 10) Reflects \$20 million for the California Nonprofit Security Grant program in CalOES for grants funded in a 2023 budget allocation, but awarded in the 2024 fiscal year;
- 11) Permits the State Controller's Office to utilize more of its existing funding from the Property Tax Postponement Fund's continuous appropriation to pay approved program applications related to manufactured/mobile homes in the 2024-25 fiscal year;
- 13) Amends the Air Resources Board budget to increase expenditure authority and extend the encumbrance period for AB 8 fee revenue to align with other zero emission program expenditure guidelines;
- 14) Appropriates \$17 million special funds for the Air Resources Board to increase funding to local air quality control districts for local Clean Cars 4 All programs;
- 15) Appropriates \$2 million for water and drought resiliency at that State Water Resources Control Board that was included in the 2024 budget package but was mistakenly excluded from the budget bill;
- 16) Extends the encumbrance and expenditure period of the Euclid Avenue Recycled Water System Expansion Project in the City of Ontario;
- 17) Provides authority to allow the transfer of funds from the Toxic Substances Control Account to the Site Remediation Account that was assumed in the 2024 Budget Act but was inadvertently not included in the bill;
- 18) Appropriates \$1.3 million Vision Services Special Fund at the Department of Health Care Services;
- 19) Extends the authority for the Department of Health Care Services to expend Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) federal funds until September 2025;
- 20) Adds provisional language to allow for up to a \$2 million increase for the General Fund transfer to the Foster Family Home and Small Family Home Insurance Fund at the Department of Social Services, subject to reporting to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee;
- 21) Amends budget bill provisions related reporting and encumbrance periods for Cohorts 2 and 3 of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous grants at the Bureau of State and Community Corrections to align with the actual grant timelines;
- 22) Increases the expenditure authority for Teacher Credentialing Fund by \$250,000 at the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to reflect additional expenditures anticipated in the current fiscal year;

23) Corrects the fiscal year referenced in a Control Section relating to the transfer of Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Funds if Greenhouse Gas Reduction funds are depleted;

24) Allows \$2 million General Fund already provided for the FARMER program to be exempted from Administrative Procedures Act provisions, consistent with how the FARMER program operates with special fund; and

25) Corrects the citation for a fund revision for the Department of Technology that was included in the 2024 Budget Act.

COMMENTS

This bill amends the 2024 Budget Act to implement the 2025 budget “early action” package to address budgetary items necessary to adopt in the current fiscal year. This package includes urgently needed authority to assist local governments impacted by the Eaton and Palisades fires to offset recovery expenses and property tax losses, consistent with actions taken by the State to assist other local governments after previous natural disasters. Additionally, this bill accelerates \$181 million of Proposition 4 bond funding for wildfire prevention activities across California. The bill also includes provisions to address unexpected expenses in a variety of programs, notably including an appropriation increase of \$11.1 billion (\$2.8 billion General Fund) for additional Medi-Cal expenses for the current year. This bill also makes various technical changes, encumbrance extensions, and corrections typical of a mid-year budget adjustment bill.

According to the Author

This bill is the 2025 early action budget package. It accelerates wildfire prevention funding across California, provides needed assistance to local governments impacted by Los Angeles wildfires, addresses increased costs in the MediCal program in the current year, and makes other technical and clarifying changes to the 2024 budget act.

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill adds about \$11.3 billion of total additional expenditure authority to the 2024 budget bill. Of that amount, \$2.8 billion is from the State General Fund.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 28-10-2

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNERNEY, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland,
Valladares

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes, Stern

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