SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 680 (Burke) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: California Jobs Plan Act of 2021

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Policy Vote: L., P.E. & R. 4 - 1, E.Q. 5 - 1
Mandate: No
Consultant: Robert Ingenito

Bill Summary: AB 680 would require the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to work with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) to update funding guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) applicants to include specified fair and responsible labor standards, inclusive procurement policies, and prevailing wage for any construction projects. Additionally, the bill would require any applicant seeking over $1 million to have a community workforce agreement, as defined.

*********** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE ***********
The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 26, 2021

Fiscal Impact:
- The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) indicates that the bill's LWDA-related workload would be delegated to it instead. CWDB would incur annual staffing costs of $160,000 to work with ARB to update the funding guidelines for administering agencies to ensure that all applicants for grant programs funded by GGRF meet specified standards, including fair and responsible employer standards and inclusive procurement policies (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund).

- The bill would result in annual costs to ARB of $390,000 to update funding guidelines in collaboration with LWDA and revise internal systems to track and report compliance with new labor and procurement standards (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund).

Committee Amendments: Modify the definition of "project labor agreement to have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 2500 of the Public Contract Code, modify the exclusion for housing projects that feature 100 percent affordable units, as specified, and make technical changes.

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