
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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SB 1308 (Caballero) - Public educational institutions: purchase of nondomestic agricultural food products

Version: April 18, 2022

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: May 19, 2022

Policy Vote: AGRI. 4 - 0, ED. 7 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill expands the existing Buy American Provision to prohibit public postsecondary educational institutions and school districts from purchasing agricultural products grown, packed, or processed non-domestically with exceptions. This bill also provides that an agricultural product that is not California-grown is to be a domestic agricultural product that is produced or processed in the United States.

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

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 19, 2022**

Fiscal Impact: By prohibiting the purchase of non-domestic agricultural products, school districts and public postsecondary institutions could experience cost increases of up to 25 percent on their produce contracts. A precise amount is unknown because the size of the contracts for school districts and postsecondary institutions could vary significantly throughout the state. Additionally, the bill's restrictions could limit the availability of certain produce especially in the off seasons, which could lead to an increase in food costs by suppliers.

For the community college system and its 115 colleges, the Chancellor's Office estimates that the amount of the increase is likely to be in the range of high hundreds of thousands to low millions of dollars each year for bid evaluation, compliance monitoring, and increased food costs.

Author Amendments: Delay implementation of the bill's provisions to January 1, 2024.

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