



SB 728 (Lowenthal)
Air Pollution/Parking Cash-out Program

Chamber Committee

Transportation & Goods Movement

Summary

SB 728 would allow a city, county, Air Pollution Control District (APCD) or Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to impose a \$500 civil penalty on employers that fail to comply with the state parking cash-out program.

Background

Under current law, employers of over 50 individuals in nonattainment air basins are required to offer a parking cash-out program if they provide subsidized parking. This specifically applies only to those employers that are able to reduce their number of paid parking spaces without penalty.

The proposed legislation permits local agencies to impose civil penalties on non-complying employers. It also expands authorized agencies to include cities and counties, along with the original provisions for APCDs and AQMDs. For a jurisdiction to put a fee system in place, it must pass a subsequent ordinance or regulation at the local level.

While the bill requires that local agencies establish procedures to notify and fine the employer it does not specify where the collected revenue will be spent.

Status

Re-referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

Proponents

Environmental Defense Fund; National Resources Defense Council

Opponents

California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance