STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Budget Change Proposal - Cover Sheet
DF-46 (REV 03/25)

Fiscal Year	Business Unit Number	Department
2026–27	4265	California Department of Public Health

Hyperion Budget Request Name	Relevant Program or Subprogram
4265-119-BCP-2026-GB	4045059—Environmental Health

Budget Request Title
Radiologic Technologists and Venipuncture Supervision (AB 460)

Budget Request Summary
The California Department of Public Health requests 1 position and $296,000 in 2026–27 and $201,000 in 2027–28 ongoing from the Radiation Control Fund to implement the requirements of Assembly Bill 460 (Chapter 435, Statutes of 2025).

Requires Legislation (submit required legislation with the BCP)	Code Section(s) to be Added/Amended/Repealed
☐ Trailer Bill Language ☐ Budget Bill Language ☒ N/A	N/A

Does this BCP contain information technology (IT) components? ☐ Yes ☒ No *If yes, departmental Chief Information Officer must sign.*	Department CIO	Date
	N/A	N/A

For IT requests, specify the project number, the most recent project approval document (FSR, SPR, S1BA, S2AA, S3SD, S4PRA), the approval date, and the total project cost.

Project No. N/A **Approval Date:** N/A

Project Approval Document: N/A **Total Project Cost:** N/A

If proposal affects another department, does other department concur with proposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Attach comments of affected department, signed and dated by the department director or designee.

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Additional Review: ☐ Capital Outlay ☐ ITCU ☐ FSCU ☐ OSAE ☐ Dept. of Technology

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A. Problem Statement

On October 7, 2025, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 460 (Chapter 435, Statutes of 2025), resulting in additional workload that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Radiologic Health Branch (RHB). To implement the requirements of AB 460, and maintain compliance with state and federal statutes, RHB requests 1 position and $296,000 in 2026-27 and $201,000 in 2027-28 ongoing from the Radiation Control Fund (Fund 0075).

Existing law permits a Certified Radiologic Technologist (CRT) to perform venipuncture, a medical procedure involving the insertion of a needle into a vein of the patient's upper extremity for the purpose of injecting contrast media to enhance X-ray imaging of organs, tissues, bones, or blood vessels, provided that a supervising physician is physically present at the facility.

AB 460 amends Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 106985 to authorize remote supervision of the CRT by the physician if the supervising physician is immediately available to communicate with supervised personnel via audio and video technology and has access to the patient's medical imaging records.

Contrast media injections carry the risk of adverse reactions, including hives, seizures, or cardiac arrest. Under prior law, the supervising physician was required to be physically present to administer emergency interventions, such as prescription medications or cardiopulmonary resuscitation. AB 460 now requires facilities to have safety protocols and onsite personnel capable of responding to life-threatening patient reactions. Facilities must document the qualifications of those personnel. If these new requirements are met, the supervising physician does not need to be physically present, as long as they are available remotely.

RHB registers and inspects medical facilities where X-ray machines are used, certifies both the equipment and the medical professionals who operate X-rays, and confirms that those professionals practice within their authorized scope of practice for medical diagnosis and treatment. Radiation equipment users pay fees that are deposited in the Radiation Control Fund, which finances the California Radiation Program. This program is designed to safeguard workers, the public, and the environment from the harmful effects of machine-produced radiation.

Resource History – Radiation Control Fund (Fund 0075)
(Dollars in thousands)

Program Budget	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26*
Authorized Expenditures	$27,564	$30,172	$31,381	$31,832	$31,349	$31,365
Actual Expenditures	$27,563	$29,220	$29,423	$30,453	$30,453	$31,365
Revenues	$30,924	$31,109	$31,281	$30,998	$33,213	$30,030
Authorized Positions	128	122.5	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6**
Filled Positions	116	109.5	109.6	110.6	107.6	107.6**
Vacancies	12	13	11	12	15	15

* Projected figures are reported. Expenditures, revenues, and vacancies are not yet final.
** Figures do not include Control Section 4.05 Government Efficiencies Reductions adjustments or reductions to authorized positions via Control Section 4.12 Vacancy Savings adjustments, which will reduce 5.0 positions in the 2026-27 Governor's Budget.

X-Ray Machine Inspection Workload History

Workload Measure	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26*
Inspections required	4,766	4,790	4,814	4,838	4,862	4,886
Inspections performed	4,426	4,703	3,514	2,872	3,385	3,464
Inspection backlog	340	87	1,300	1,966	1,477	1,422

* Estimated.

B. Justification

AB 460 results in new and ongoing workload for RHB. Specifically, AB 460 imposes additional compliance requirements, including verifying that each facility has:

1. Video and communication technology that enables the supervising physician to communicate with the CRT and onsite personnel;
2. Established safety protocols;
3. Qualified onsite personnel with appropriate licensure to respond as directed by the supervising physician; and
4. Remote access for the supervising physician to view patients' medical imaging records.

Verifying compliance with these new requirements will extend the annual inspection duration for each of the 919 X-ray facilities by approximately two hours. This estimate is based on the implementation of comparable legislation. RHB is unable to absorb this additional workload while performing other statutorily required responsibilities in a timely manner.

Therefore, CDPH requests 1 Associate Health Physicist position in RHB's Inspection Compliance and Enforcement Section and the associated resources to implement the requirements of AB 460. The funding request includes one-time operating expenses for a vehicle and radiation test equipment, both of which are necessary to complete inspections.

These resources are essential to implement AB 460, safeguard public health, and maintain compliance with state and federal statutes.

C. Departmentwide and Statewide Considerations

Existing law requires on-site physician supervision for CRTs administering contrast, creating access barriers and delays, especially in rural areas. In 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) updated federal policy to allow real-time remote supervision, recognizing its benefits beyond the Public Health Emergency (PHE). However, California has not adopted these changes until now. The intent of AB 460 is to align state law with modern practices, permitting remote supervision via audio and video communication. This reform is intended to enhance patient care, reduce wait-times, and improve access to imaging services while maintaining patient safety.

CDPH's mission is "to advance the health and well-being of California's diverse people and communities." Through RHB, CDPH registers and inspects medical facilities where X-ray machines are used, certifies both the equipment and the medical professionals who operate it, and confirms that those professionals practice within their authorized scope of practice for medical diagnosis and treatment.

CDPH's strategic goals include protecting and promoting physical, mental, and community health for all Californians with a renewed focus on prevention and resilience. Additionally, CDPH is challenged with tackling community and population health improvement and emergency preparedness and response. With the resources requested in this proposal, RHB will be able to inspect X-ray medical facilities to confirm that the provisions of AB 460 are

implemented in a statutorily compliant manner, thereby supporting the delivery of safe and effective health care services.

Without additional resources, CDPH is unable to conduct statutorily required inspections and essential oversight activities at the required frequency necessary to protect public health. A growing inspection backlog risks delaying evaluations of facility compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. These inspections are critical not only for verifying that X-ray equipment meets federal performance standards, including that imaging quality supports accurate diagnosis and treatment, but also for uncovering unsafe practices that place patients, staff, and the public at risk.

Examples of issues that may be discovered during inspection include:

- Identifying improperly calibrated equipment that delivers unnecessary radiation;
- Detecting unshielded or poorly maintained facilities that expose workers and bystanders; and
- Discovering unlicensed or unqualified personnel performing X-ray procedures.

These inspections are often the only mechanism to identify and correct such deficiencies before they result in serious harm.

D. Outcomes and Accountability

With the requested resources, CDPH will be able to perform the inspection, compliance, and enforcement actions required by AB 460 while avoiding further growth of the existing X-ray inspection backlog.

AB 460 introduces a highly specialized and complex inspection process. Targeted staff training will be mandatory to promote the effective implementation of these inspections and to assess whether facilities are fully compliant with the requirements of AB 460.

X-Ray Machine Inspection Projected Outcomes

Workload Measure	2025–26	2026–27	2027–28	2028–29	2029–30	2030–31
Inspections required	4,886	4,910	4,934	4,958	4,983	5,008
Inspections projected to be performed*	3,400	3,462	3,524	3,649	3,649	3,649
Backlog	1,486	1,448	1,410	1,309	1,334	1,359

* Projection based on filling 1.0 X-ray inspector position within two years.

E. Implementation Plan

This proposal provides for staff and funding to support critical RHB activities. Below is a timeline for the first year.

Timeline	Activities
July 2026 – December 2026	• Initiate, advertise, and complete the hiring process for an Associate Health Physicist • Develop inspection compliance and enforcement policies and procedures • Apply for an additional vehicle in the Fleet Acquisition Plan
January 2027 – June 2027	• Onboard new staff • Train RHB inspectors on AB 460 policies and procedures • Purchase vehicle and radiation test equipment • Educate facilities on the requirements of AB 460
July 2027 and Ongoing	• Begin inspections and compliance checks • Prepare, draft, issue, and close Notices of Violation and Radiation User Declaration; correspond with the facility to promote current and future compliance.

F. Supplemental Information

Attachment A: BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

Attachment B: Workload Analysis

Attachment C: Current Organization Chart

Attachment D: Proposed Organization Chart

BCP Fiscal Detail Sheet

(Dollars in Thousands)

BCP Title: Radiologic Technologists and Venipuncture Supervision (AB 460)

BR Name: 4265-119-BCP-2026-GB

Budget Request Summary

Personal Services

Personal Services	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Positions - Permanent	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Positions	**0.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**
Earnings - Permanent	0	104	104	104	104	104
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$104**	**$104**	**$104**	**$104**	**$104**
Total Staff Benefits	0	61	61	61	61	61
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$165**	**$165**	**$165**	**$165**	**$165**

Operating Expenses and Equipment

Operating Expenses and Equipment	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5301 - General Expense	0	6	6	6	6	6
5302 - Printing	0	2	2	2	2	2
5320 - Travel: In-State	0	13	13	13	13	13
5322 - Training	0	1	1	1	1	1
5342 - Departmental Services	0	14	14	14	14	14
539X - Other	0	95	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses and Equipment	**$0**	**$131**	**$36**	**$36**	**$36**	**$36**

Total Budget Request

Total Budget Request	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Total Budget Request	**$0**	**$296**	**$201**	**$201**	**$201**	**$201**

Fund Summary

Fund Source

Fund Source	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
State Operations - 0075 - Radiation Control Fund	0	296	201	201	201	201
Total State Operations Expenditures	**$0**	**$296**	**$201**	**$201**	**$201**	**$201**
Total All Funds	**$0**	**$296**	**$201**	**$201**	**$201**	**$201**

Program Summary

Program Funding

Program Funding	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
4045059 - Environmental Health	0	296	201	201	201	201
Total All Programs	**$0**	**$296**	**$201**	**$201**	**$201**	**$201**

Personal Services Details

Positions

Positions	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
3803 - Assoc Hlth Physicist	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Positions	**0.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
3803 - Assoc Hlth Physicist	0	104	104	104	104	104
Total Salaries and Wages	**$0**	**$104**	**$104**	**$104**	**$104**	**$104**

Staff Benefits

Staff Benefits	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
5150900 - Staff Benefits - Other	0	61	61	61	61	61
Total Staff Benefits	**$0**	**$61**	**$61**	**$61**	**$61**	**$61**

Total Personal Services

Total Personal Services	FY26 Current Year	FY26 Budget Year	FY26 BY+1	FY26 BY+2	FY26 BY+3	FY26 BY+4
Total Personal Services	**$0**	**$165**	**$165**	**$165**	**$165**	**$165**

California Department of Public Health
Center of Environmental Health
Division of Radiation Safety and Environmental Management
Radiologic Health Branch Name
X-ray Inspection, Compliance, and Enforcement Section, Region 5 Brea
Associate Health Physicist
1.0 Position

Activity	Number of Items	Hours per Item	Total Annual Hours
Prepare, draft, issue, and close Notices of Violation and Radiation User Declaration; correspond with the facility to promote current and future compliance.	30	23.25	697.5
Verify the facility has trained personnel onsite with appropriate licensure to respond as directed by the physician during X-ray inspections.	919	0.4	367.6
Educate facility personnel on the provisions and requirements of AB 460 during X-ray inspections.	919	0.2	183.8
Verify and test audio and video communication technology to confirm that remotely supervised Certified Radiologic Technologist's and onsite personnel can contact and communicate with the supervising physicians immediately during X-ray inspections.	919	0.2	183.8
Verify the facility has safety protocols in place if a patient has an adverse reaction to venipuncture, the administration of contrast material, or the administration of saline-based solution within the scope of California Health and Safety Code Section 106985 during X-ray inspections.	919	0.2	183.8
Request the remotely supervising physician to demonstrate access to the patients' electronic medical records during X-ray inspections.	919	0.2	183.8
Total hours for workload projected for this classification			**1,800**
1,800 hours = 1 Position			
Actual number of positions requested			**1.0**

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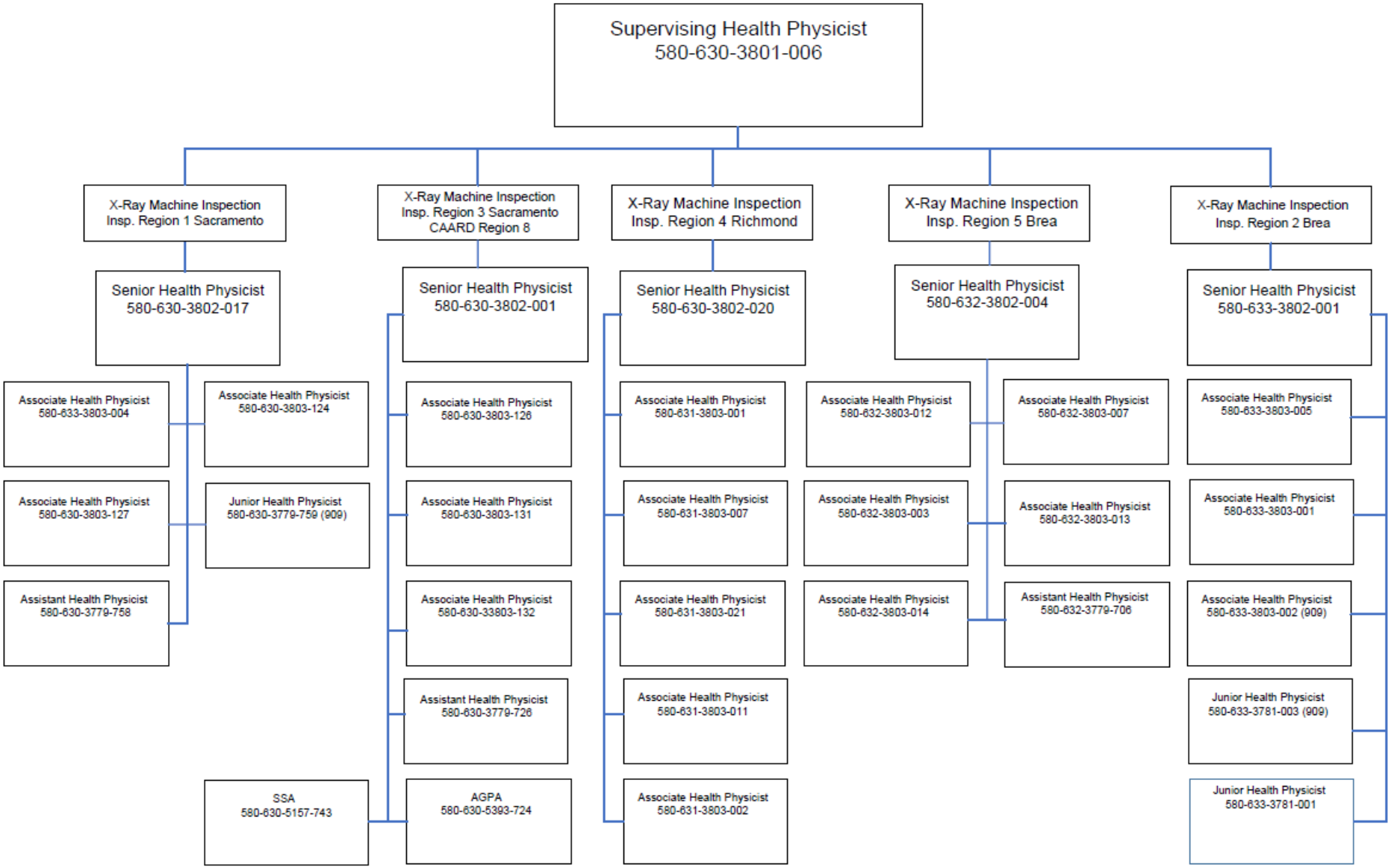
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