

### CA State Costs from Extended On-Sale Trading Hours

*Analysis based on AB 342 (2025). Last update May 15, 2025.*

- **Alcohol-related harms cost the state \$35 billion per year.** (Sacks et al. 2010)
- **CA Appropriations analyses** of extended bar closing hour bills (e.g., 2022's SB 930) specify more than \$4.5 million over 3 years to establish regulatory structure.
  - Costs do not reflect the accelerated timeline demanded by AB 342.
  - Per Appropriations analysts, pre- and post-implementation reporting will necessitate nearly \$1 million in spending by CHP and other state authorities.
- **Healthcare costs to state**
  - Each year, acute, 100% alcohol-attributable harms cost Medicaid \$3.30 per person insured. (Ozlu et al., 2022)
  - 15.3 million Californians use Medi-Cal (CHCF 2024); acute alcohol harms cost CA \$50.49 million per year.
  - Relevant harms include motor vehicle crashes, poisonings, accidental injuries, and alcohol-involved assaults. (ARDI 2025)
  - Above all associated with last call times. (Alcohol Justice, 2018)
- **Motor vehicle crash costs to state**
  - Crashes incur an average of \$7,300 in medical costs per incident. (NHTSA, 2023)
  - Approximately 39% of these medical costs are outside private insurance, mostly charged to Medi-Cal. (CHCF, 2024)
  - Research shows a 5.78 increase in drunk driving incidents per 100,000 residents per additional hour of service per year. (Schofield & Denson, 2013)
  - Based on ratio of DUIs to crashes (Subbaraman & Kerr, 2019), AB 342 would create an additional 2,279 crashes per year across the state.
  - Creates \$16.6 million per year in crash costs, of which \$6.5 million is billed to the state.

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- **Other state cost centers from motor vehicle crashes**

- NHTSA-affiliated research identifies other direct costs to the state from crashes. (Miller et al. 2011)

- Depending on severity; additional annual crashes from AB 342 could result in the following costs:

State Service Sector	Annual Costs - All Property Damage Only	Annual Costs - All Fatality-Involved
EMS	\$229,040	\$17,314,703
Fire	\$68,370	\$2,936,492
Police	\$58,115	\$830,696
CalTrans	\$44,440	\$105,974
Courts	\$20,511	\$5,643,944

- **Criminal justice costs** will also be considerable beyond those related to traffic fatalities.

- New class of criminalization—being a minor in a club after 2 a.m.

- Previously this had been the liability of the bar, not the individual.

- Unknown enforcement costs, but anticipated extensive court costs and liabilities from criminalization of minors and young adults. (Shapiro 2019)

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*Reference list available upon request.*

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