



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1014 without my signature.

This bill extends the notice period that hospitals are required to give prior to reducing or eliminating services in their emergency department from 90 days to 180 days.

I agree that hospital closures have vast impacts on communities. However, this bill would not change the fact that the State is not able to force a hospital to stay open when they are financially unable. I am concerned that this bill may exacerbate the financial and patient safety concerns that often lead to closures.

Therefore, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

