To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1688 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to contract with a researcher to conduct a recidivism analysis of the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs and to submit a report to the Legislature.

The goal of this bill can be accomplished administratively. Any such review should be evaluated in the larger context of significant changes occurring in the area of corrections.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gavin Newsom