



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 154 without my signature.

This bill would allow Medi-Cal dental providers to provide and be reimbursed for the application of silver diamine fluoride when used as an arresting agent for cavities on a per-tooth basis to prevent further decay, and under specified conditions.

Expanding the options available for treating dental decay is a worthwhile policy goal, but this bill would require significant General Fund spending not included in the state budget. As such, this change should be considered in the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom