



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 156, which would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to issue a special permit to a general acute care hospital to offer emergency stabilization services at the site of the former Feather River Hospital in Paradise for up to six years, if specified requirements are met.

The destruction experienced by this community is a unique situation that calls for a unique response. For this reason, I am authorizing a singular, temporary exception to the prohibition against freestanding emergency departments to support the Paradise community as it rebuilds, as well as to provide them with time to evaluate the long-term plans for this hospital.

Accordingly, I am signing SB 156.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom