



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 202 without my signature.

This bill permits commercial blood banks for animals to collect blood from community-sourced animal blood and imposes rules around the collection of community-sourced animal blood.

I am supportive of changing California's law governing animal blood donation. However, this bill does not go far enough. I ask that the Legislature send me legislation that effectively leads to the phasing-out of "closed colonies," where dogs are kept in cages for months and years to harvest their blood for sale. The legislation should provide for the safe and humane treatment of donor animals, the welfare of the recipients and adequate oversight and enforcement of this program.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

