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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 706 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health to convene a pulmonary hypertension (PH) task force (Task Force) for the purposes of aggregating and disseminating the latest information and research relating to PH and pediatric PH. SB 706 would specify the composition and duties of the Task Force, which include developing and updating a comprehensive strategic plan to improve the health outcomes for those diagnosed with these conditions.

SB 706's goal of improving health outcomes for individuals diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension is important; however, this proposal should be considered in the budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom