



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1470 without my signature.

AB 1470 would provide that cannabis goods do not have to be in final retail packaging when being tested by laboratories to ensure compliance with current health and safety standards.

This bill conflicts with current regulations promulgated by cannabis licensing authorities that prevent contaminated and unsafe products from entering the retail market. While I support reducing packaging waste, allowing products to be tested not in their final retail form could result in consumer harm and have a disproportionate impact on small operators.

I have directed my Administration to consolidate the state regulatory entities that currently enforce cannabis health and safety standards to pursue all appropriate measures to ease costs and reduce unnecessary packaging. This proposal should be considered as part of that process.

Sincerely,

  
Gavin Newsom

