To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2360 without my signature.

This bill would require health care service plans, including Knox-Keene licensed Medi-Cal managed care health plans, to provide access to a provider-to-provider telehealth consultation program for providers who treat children and pregnant and postpartum persons.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to expand mental health services for children and pregnant and postpartum persons, the bill would create costs that would be more appropriately addressed through the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom