OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1064 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the use of confidential information from confidential in-custody informants by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) when making decisions and findings related to rules violations, as well as by the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) when making parole decisions, unless certain requirements are met.

Ensuring adequate due process and fairness should be a top priority of our evaluative proceedings. While I support the goal of this legislation, I am concerned that the bill as written is ambiguous and overly burdensome.

Embodying the values of fairness and justice in these proceedings is critical. Therefore, I am returning SB 1064 without my signature and directing CDCR and BPH to examine and improve their current processes.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom