



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 68 without my signature.

This bill would eliminate the sunset on the Treated Wood Waste (TWW) program at the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and would make various changes to that program.

SB 68 creates a significant additional mandate for DTSC to perform regular inspections of generators and disposal sites for treated wood waste. The Hazardous Waste Control Account (HWCA) currently has a structural deficit and this unfunded new mandate will cost the department millions of dollars to implement, exacerbating this deficit.

Moreover, it is not appropriate to eliminate the sunset date for the Treated Wood Waste program authorization, essentially exempting this hazardous waste from hazardous waste law and regulation. While the generation of this waste may have justified the allowance for alternative management standards, this waste is hazardous and poses a risk to both human health and the environment and necessitates periodic review of its statutory authorization.

For these reasons, I am returning SB 68 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

