



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 757 without my signature.

This bill expands the types of environmental leadership projects eligible for streamlined judicial review through the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 (AB 900, Buchanan, Chapter 354, Statutes of 2011) to include zero-emission, public transit projects, provided the lead agency applies for the Governor's certification no later than January 1, 2023 and the project is approved no later than January 1, 2024. The provisions of this bill are contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 995 by Senator Atkins, which did not successfully pass in the Legislature.

While I support efforts to accelerate transit projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce miles traveled, enactment of this bill is contingent on the successful statutory extension of the AB 900 statute by SB 995, which unfortunately failed passage in the Legislature.

For this reason, I am returning SB 757 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom

