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Gavin Newsom Governor July 12, 2021

State of California

Governor's Office

I object to the following appropriations contained in Senate Bill 129.

SEC. 19.55—I delete this section.

I am deleting this section because the budget control section authorizing the acceleration of up to an additional \$500,000,000 General Fund to support wildfire prevention and forest resilience activities was already enacted in AB 161, Statutes of 2021, which I signed on July 9, 2021. Therefore, to maintain the state's ability to accelerate funding for wildfire prevention activities authorized in AB 161, as well as the appropriation of \$258,000,000 for similar activities, I delete this section on a technical basis. As California enters a second consecutive year of dry fuel conditions, resulting in drought or near-drought throughout many portions of the state, it is critical that the pace and scale of fire prevention projects that protect California's most wildfire-vulnerable communities is accelerated.

With the above deletions, revisions, and reductions, I hereby approve Senate Bill 129.

