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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 83 without my signature.

This bill requires the Ocean Protection Council to develop the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program to provide low-interest loans to local jurisdictions to purchase coastal properties identified as vulnerable. Unfortunately, it does not comprehensively address the costly activities envisioned, likely to be carried out over decades.

Climate-driven sea level rise presents major land-use planning challenges. The scope and scale of the problem, and the work necessary to make sure that California can adapt to rising seas, requires innovative planning approaches and implementation action at the state and local level. Financial tools, such as the one proposed in SB 83, have the potential to play an important role in a portfolio of strategies that will help build coastal resilience in California. However, such an effort should be considered within a comprehensive lens that evaluates properties to be included in a statewide plan.

I encourage the author to continue to engage with my Administration as we work together to ensure California's coastal communities and natural resources are resilient to sea level rise.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

