



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1707 without my signature.

This bill requires annual transfers from the General Fund to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizen Property Postponement (PTP) Fund to ensure the balance each June 30 is \$15 million. The Property Tax Postponement Program allows income-eligible homeowners who are seniors, blind, or disabled to defer their property taxes, secured by a lien against the property that is later repaid when the property is sold or refinanced. By design, the PTP Fund is structured to be self-sustaining.

Although recent changes in law have expanded eligibility for the program, the State Controller's Office does not project a shortfall until the 2025-26 fiscal year. My administration supports this program and its role in helping our most vulnerable homeowners remain in their homes. Therefore, I am directing the Department of Finance to conduct an analysis of the Program to identify any fiscal stability concerns and propose appropriate solutions for consideration.

I am returning AB 1707 without my signature until additional information on the viability of the program has been determined.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

