



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2144 without my signature.

The bill would require the Department of Justice to furnish to the Department of Health Care Services with data for individuals detained on a 72-hour hold and who are, therefore, subject to firearm restrictions.

We must do more to address data quality for involuntary holds. This is why I signed SB 929 (Eggman), Community mental health services: data collection, which will improve data quality for involuntary holds.

AB 2144, however, fails to establish a workable framework for exchanging information between local entities and state agencies. Without provisions ensuring enough data are being gathered to sufficiently identify the counties in which individuals reside, as well as data to identify Medi-Cal beneficiaries from among those subject to firearm restrictions, this bill will not achieve its intended purpose.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a printed name. The signature is stylized and extends across the width of the page.

Gavin Newsom

