



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2247 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to contract with a multistate chemical data collection entity to create a publicly accessible reporting platform where manufacturers must annually register products or product components sold or distributed in the state containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Through the Safer Consumer Products Program, DTSC utilizes technical expertise and best available data to protect consumers and the environment. DTSC also partners closely with U.S. EPA, which is currently undergoing rulemaking to require reporting of PFAS. Based on this activity, this bill may be premature.

This bill is estimated to cost millions of dollars that would result in increased Environmental Fee rates or General Fund resources for the new contract, staff support, and state oversight responsibilities. With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending.

The Legislature sent measures with potential costs of well over \$20 billion in one-time spending commitments and more than \$10 billion in ongoing commitments not accounted for in the state budget. Bills with significant fiscal impact, such as



this measure, should be considered and accounted for as part of the annual budget process.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'G' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom