



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2904 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) to grant Alameda Hospital in the City of Alameda an extension until 2032 to comply with the 2030 deadline in the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983.

I commend the author for responding to their district's facility-specific needs, as well as the commensurate planning necessary to meet the 2030 deadline. However, any consideration of an extension must be contemplated across all communities and across all types of facilities, in a holistic manner. Only with a comprehensive strategy can we begin the discussion that will ensure that patients and their families, as well as the communities that these facilities serve, can be protected in a seismic or emergency event.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

