



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1078 without my signature.

This bill requires the Ocean Protection Council to develop the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Pilot Program to provide low-interest loans to local jurisdictions to purchase identified vulnerable coastal properties located in communities and populations disproportionately affected by climate change.

Unfortunately, this bill does not comprehensively address the cost, 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 1078, have the potential to play an important role in a portfolio of strategies that will help build coastal resilience in California.

Such an effort should be considered within a comprehensive lens that:

- 1) encourages cooperation and feasibility among all necessary stakeholders;
- 2) considers the impacts of inserting local jurisdictions in the property rental market; and
- 3) allows for unified agreement by local, state, and federal partners that the type of policy tool in SB 1078 is the best path forward for coastal residential properties.



This bill falls short of capturing this comprehensive framework. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

My administration appreciates the author's work and looks forward to embracing policies that help communities better understand and plan for climate risk.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom