

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1084 without my signature.

This bill prohibits foreign governments from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding an interest in California agricultural land, and requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to compile an annual report on foreign ownership of agricultural land, water rights, desalination facilities, energy production, energy storage, and energy distribution in the state.

Federal law requires foreign governments to report interests in agricultural land to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and USDA compiles this information annually into a public report. The additional data reporting required by this bill is beyond CDFA's purview and would create new and arduous responsibilities for the department.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely