



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 1157 to update the standards for daily per capita indoor water use to reflect the joint recommendations of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Board, required by existing law. Paired with anticipated new outdoor efficiency standards, this policy could save 450,000 acre-feet per year starting in 2030.

Amendments during the legislative process added requirements for DWR to conduct studies on the economic impacts of these standards and report on the progress of urban retail water suppliers in achieving their water use objectives. DWR estimates costs of \$7 million to implement these requirements. I anticipate the Legislature will support including this funding in the Budget Act next year.

The bill also requires, based on these studies, DWR to consider recommending the State Water Board adopt variances for the implementation of the updated indoor water use standard. However, nothing in this bill prohibits the Board from creating variances, including a variance to reflect local investments in recycled water and infrastructure. I encourage the Board to do this.

Climate change is resulting in less available water and more challenging water management. I am signing this bill to incentivize efficient urban water use while also maintaining access to water for all Californians.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

