



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1191 without my signature.

This bill would add pharmacogenomic (PGx) testing as a Medi-Cal covered benefit.

I appreciate the author's interest in facilitating access to PGx testing, which is currently available in Medi-Cal with prior approval when medically necessary. I have worked with the Legislature to add covered benefits such as continuous glucose monitoring, community health workers, and doula services to the Medi-Cal program through the annual budget process. Although this bill is contingent upon an appropriation, it creates tens of millions of dollars in General Fund cost pressures not accounted for in the budget.

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, particularly spending that is ongoing. We must prioritize existing obligations and priorities, including education, health care, public safety and safety-net programs.

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,

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gavin Newsom", is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and extends to the right, ending in a long horizontal line.