



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1304 without my signature.

This bill increases the amount provided to incarcerated persons upon their release from state prison from \$200 to \$1,300 and provides for subsequent annual increases.

Financial constraints are a substantial barrier for individuals to successfully transition from prison to the community and I support efforts that aid these individuals in this transition. This year, the budget included funding for Returning Home Well, which provides housing to those who are recently released, as well as significant funding for community reentry programs.

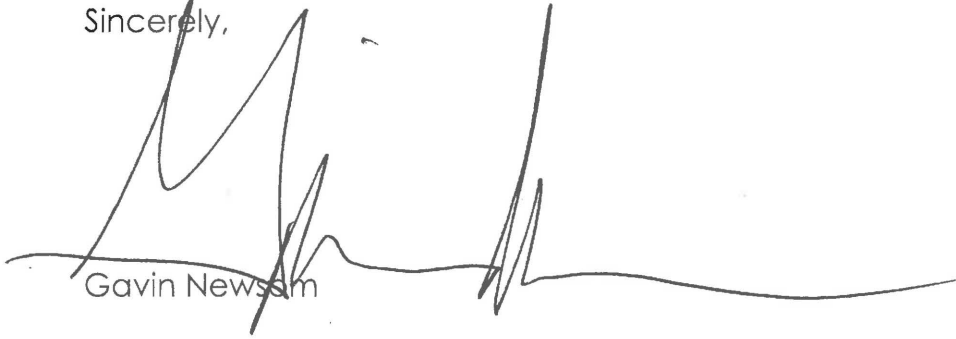
With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending, particularly spending that is ongoing. We must prioritize existing obligations and priorities, including education, health care, public safety 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