



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 543 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to designate at least one person to serve as a "nonprofit liaison" to assist nonprofits in working with state government, including responding to complaints, providing technical assistance, reporting concerns to the DGS Director, and developing specific procurement and contracting practices for nonprofits.

Improving how our government engages with nonprofits is a worthy concept, but DGS is not the appropriate place to house this new position. The department has very few contracts with nonprofits, and procurement and execution of contracts and agreements is managed separately by each individual state entity.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the right.

Gavin Newsom