



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 870 without my signature.

This bill would, effective January 1, 2023, expand eligibility for services under the Department of Developmental Services by increasing the maximum age of onset for a developmental disability from prior to 18 years of age to prior to 22 years of age.

While I support the concept of extending the comprehensive services and supports available through the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act to individuals whose disabilities originated before age 22, such an expansion of eligibility would require regional center and provider staff to be trained, and additional community resources would need to be developed, to serve the expanded consumer population. The planning and preparation for this expansion cannot be completed by January 1, 2023. Furthermore, the proposed expansion would require tens of millions of General Fund dollars to implement and funds were not included in the budget for this purpose.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom". The signature is highly stylized and overlaps with the printed name below it. It consists of several sharp, upward-pointing strokes followed by a long, horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Gavin Newsom