



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 275 without my signature.

This bill would require appointment of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to be subject to Senate confirmation. I share the Legislature's desire for appointments to be made effectively and transparently, especially when considering California's ambitious and time-sensitive clean energy and carbon neutrality goals.

However, an appointee to this position already undergoes an extensive and exhaustive identification, evaluation, and selection process, a process that ensures the appointee is experienced and fully capable of carrying out our shared policy objectives of protecting public health, safety, and the environment. Additionally, this position falls under the direction and oversight of the Director of Conservation, a gubernatorial appointee that is subject to Senate confirmation.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

