



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1079 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Public Health, subject to appropriation, to establish the Hate Crimes Intervention Program within the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch to implement community interventions in conjunction with community leaders and organizations in communities that have been most impacted by hate crimes. Additionally, the bill requires the Civil Rights Department to create and implement statewide and regional campaigns to discourage discrimination based upon, but not limited to, disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. These are costs not accounted for in the annual budget.

I share the author's objective to reduce hate crime and discrimination in California, which is why we have funded a comprehensive strategy to fight hate violence and discrimination in the budget. Specifically, the State has invested \$150 million for a multi-year grant program to support community services for victims and survivors of hate acts across impacted communities as informed by public data. The State, additionally, established the Commission on the State of Hate to assess data on hate crimes in California, provide resources for victims, and make policy recommendations to better protect civil rights, and announced the launch of CA vs. Hate, a new statewide hotline to report hate acts in California and connect victims with services, among other efforts.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than \$30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social



service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly \$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which \$11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'G' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal line extending to the right.