



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 303 without my signature.

This bill would amend the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (the Act) by: 1) revising the definition of "recycling," 2) revising the definition of "responsible end markets," and 3) adding an arbitration process for affected parties to contest and revise an approved implementation plan.

While I appreciate the author's intent to clarify certain provisions within the Act, this bill will interfere with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)'s ability to meet its statutory obligation to adopt regulations pursuant to the Act by January 1, 2025. I encourage the author and stakeholders to work with CalRecycle through the regulatory process on the issues this bill seeks to address.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

