OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 582 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Health and Human Services Agency's (CHHS) Data Exchange Framework (DxF) stakeholder advisory group to consider new standards for including Electronic Health Records (EHR) vendors in the DxF, establish standards for EHR vendors' fees, and authorize CHHS to oversee and enforce EHR vendors for noncompliance with federal standards.

My Administration spearheaded the creation of the DxF to accelerate and expand the exchange of health information to provide safe, effective, whole person care to Californians in real time. Given the ongoing efforts by CHHS and the Center for Data Insights and Innovation to stand up the DxF, this bill is premature. The state should prioritize implementation of this important work before we consider modifications.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom