



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 08 2023

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 777 without my signature.

This bill authorizes grocery stores and retail chains subject to the statewide single-use plastic bag ban to provide customers with opportunities to return reusable grocery bags for recycling. It also requires large stores to submit annual reports to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to track the revenue stores receive from the 10-cent bag fee, and make those reports available to an authorized representative with a collective bargaining agreement.

I thank the author for the commitment to ensure continued success of California's single-use plastic bag ban, and I support providing consumers with more convenient options to recycle carryout bags. However, I am concerned that the data collection and reporting provisions in this bill will impose an undue burden on stores, large and small across the state, without a clear public benefit or improvement to implementation of the bag ban.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom

