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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2570 without my signature. This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct an annual evaluation of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention program (HHAP) and include that information in the Department's annual report.

I support increasing transparency and accountability for cities and counties' use of state funding to address homelessness. Earlier this year, I directed California's Housing Accountability Unit to increase its oversight and enforcement of existing housing laws to address homelessness. Additionally, the recently adopted 2024 Budget includes statutory language that requires more frequent reporting by HHAP grantees on their expenditures, corrective action plans for grantees not meeting specified performance measures, and maintenance of compliant Housing Elements prior to receiving additional HHAP funding.

This bill is redundant to these efforts and creates an unnecessary ongoing workload for the Department without providing additional accountability or transparency to taxpayers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

