



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1918 without my signature.

This bill would provide a narrow statutory exemption from the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Standards) solar ready and battery storage system installation requirements in the Trinity Public Utilities District (PUD).

While I recognize that Trinity PUD is unique among all utilities in the state in being served by 100 percent clean, large hydroelectric power, this bill is unnecessary. The California Energy Commission (CEC) has approved Trinity PUD's applications for administrative exemptions from the solar ready and battery storage system requirements over multiple Standards cycles.

Further, the CEC recently adopted an administrative pathway, as part of the 2025 Standards, to lower the burden of Trinity PUD's re-application process when triennial updates to the Standards occur. The CEC's adopted pathway is more broadly applicable than this legislation, achieves the same outcome for Trinity PUD, and thoughtfully balances the objectives of the Standards – lowering consumer energy costs, reducing energy consumption, and avoiding greenhouse gas emissions.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Gavin Newsom", is written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is stylized and extends across the line.

Gavin Newsom

