



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2238 without my signature.

This bill would expand the membership of the Franchise Tax Board from three to five members by adding both the Lieutenant Governor and the State Treasurer as members, beginning July 1, 2025, and would require the State Controller to serve as Chair.

This bill is unnecessary. For decades, the Franchise Tax Board has been served by a three-member panel responsible for overseeing the collection of tax revenue. Expanding the Board membership to include two Constitutional Officers that do not perform any tax policy or tax administration duties will create inefficiencies and increase costs without any clear benefit to taxpayers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



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