



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2330 without my signature.

The bill would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop and implement a program to assist local governments with the taking of threatened or engaged species as part of their wildfire preparedness planning efforts.

While I support efforts to increase the pace and scale of wildfire preparedness, this bill creates significant, ongoing costs that should be considered in the annual budget process. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom