



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2537 without my signature.

This bill would create the Offshore Wind Community Capacity Funding Grant Account for the purpose of building capacity within local and tribal communities to support engagement on offshore wind (OSW) energy projects.

While I share the author's desire to ensure communities hosting OSW projects are resourced to constructively engage in their planning and development, this bill falls short of providing a viable funding stream to accomplish this very objective. I encourage the author and the OSW developers to collaborate further with communities to identify an approach that not only fosters capacity for engagement but considers community benefits from the development of these projects.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

