



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2899 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to notify a hospital, complainant, and their collective bargaining agent of any actions taken on substantiated violations of nurse-to-patient ratios. Further, if no fine is imposed, CDPH must prepare and submit a statement of reasoning to the complainant and their representative.

Currently, CDPH publicly posts detailed findings of its investigations of nurse-to-patient ratios on its Cal Health Find Database website and informs the complainant of the action. The publicly posted information includes a description of the investigation, CDPH's determinations, and the evidence considered. The database also includes the number of penalties assessed against a facility for nurse-to-patient ratio violations.

Nurse-to-patient ratios are important and CDPH takes reports of potential violations seriously. However, the requirements of AB 2899 are duplicative.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

