



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning Assembly Bill 2903 without my signature.

This bill would require state agencies and departments administering homelessness programs to report cost and outcome data annually to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) using standardized procedures, beginning September 1, 2025. It would also require Cal ICH to compile and publicly release this data each year starting April 1, 2026.

While I fully support efforts to increase accountability and the effectiveness of our state homelessness programs, similar measures are already in place. Legislation enacted as part of the 2024 Budget Act (Assembly Bill 166, Chapter 48) includes enhanced reporting requirements for two of the state's largest homelessness programs. Specifically, Assembly Bill 166 mandates monthly reporting of outcomes for all rounds of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program, and annual outcome reporting for the Encampment Resolution Grants Program. These reports will be made publicly available by Cal ICH. Additionally, I recently signed Assembly Bill 799, which addresses the same objectives as this bill in a more targeted and cost-effective manner.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



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