



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3031 without my signature.

This bill would create the LGBTQ+ Commission within the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to advise and make recommendations to the Legislature and Governor on policy matters affecting the state's LGBTQ+ community.

California leads the nation in celebrating people for who they are – fighting against hate through a comprehensive strategy and seeking to enshrine LGBTQ+ equality in the state's Constitution this November. Protecting and supporting the rights of LGBTQ+ people to equal treatment under the law has been a focus of this administration since day one, and it is work that I personally have championed throughout my career. Continuing this work to advance equity and fight against discrimination is integrated into the administration's ongoing effort to tackle disparities and strengthen our commitment to a California For All. While I appreciate the author's intent to provide a separate, additional venue for policy recommendations, this bill would lead to ongoing costs in the millions of dollars.

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 this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gavin Newsom", written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

Gavin Newsom