



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3045 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to create decorative Asian Zodiac heirloom birth certificates, including distinctive Asian Zodiac artwork by local artists, and would require the State Registrar to provide an Asian Zodiac heirloom certificate upon payment of a fee.

It is a priority of my Administration to build a California for All that promotes understanding, appreciation, and acceptance of each other's cultural heritage. I appreciate the author's intent to celebrate Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) individuals by creating Asian Zodiac heritage birth certificates. However, this bill is not funded, and would therefore result in General Fund cost pressures that are not included in the Budget. Further, because there are multiple variations of Asian zodiacs in AAPI cultures, it is unclear how many certificates and which zodiac designs should be used. This bill would also set a precedent for the creation of additional versions of heirloom certificates that represent other cultural identities. This is not CDPH's expertise.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,


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