



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1066 without my signature.

This bill would establish the Marine Flare Manufacturer Responsibility Act of 2024 and would require manufacturers of covered products to submit for approval a "manufacturer responsibility plan" to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) by January 1, 2026.

While I support the author's goal to provide boaters with a safe and responsible method to dispose of their marine flares, this bill lacks a comprehensive program scope to effectively achieve the goal of protecting human and environmental health and would not cover implementation costs incurred by DTSC. Additionally, this bill falls short in providing DTSC with the appropriate enforcement authority to effectively ensure compliance.

I encourage the author and stakeholders to work with DTSC next year to craft a more comprehensive framework that will ensure these products are managed responsibly and provide sufficient oversight for DTSC.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,


Gavin Newsom

