



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 892 without my signature.

This bill would task the California Department of Technology (CDT) to create an automated decision system procurement standard that complies with various requirements specified in the bill. Beginning on January 1, 2027, every state contract for an automated decision system would have to comply with these new regulations.

My administration shares the author's commitment to ensuring the safe deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) and automated decision systems. Last year, I signed AB 302 (Ward, 2023), requiring CDT to conduct a comprehensive inventory of all high-risk automated decision systems that state agencies use, develop, or procure. And last September, I issued Executive Order 12-23, which, among other provisions, requires state agencies and departments to develop guardrails and deploy AI ethically and responsibly throughout state government to protect against potential risks.

Unfortunately, several aspects of this bill disrupt that ongoing work, including existing information technology modernization efforts, which would lead to implementation delays and higher expenses for critical projects. Additionally, this bill creates new and ongoing General Fund costs not included in the 2024 Budget Act.



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 these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible due to the cursive nature of the handwriting.

Gavin Newsom