



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1026 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to direct the electric investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to adopt standardized customer connection and energization procedures for housing development projects.

The development and growth of the state's economy, as well as the achievement of our 2045 carbon neutrality goal, hinge upon the clean electrification of the state's building and transportation sectors. Timely access to electric service is foundational to achieving these outcomes, and it is why, in 2023, I signed Assembly Bill 50 (Wood) and Senate Bill 410 (Becker). These bills require the CPUC to develop criteria aimed at expediting the connection and energization of customers to the electric grid, as well as improving information sharing between the electric IOUs and local governments. These bills also require the CPUC to establish reasonable average and maximum target customer connection and energization time periods on the electric IOUs. The CPUC fulfilled these tasks in September 2024 and is actively exploring additional efforts to further the intended outcomes of both measures.

Although this bill is well-intended, it is largely duplicative of existing efforts and risks disrupting the current public decision-making processes at the CPUC, and worse, complicates the application process that customers use to request

expedited electric grid connections and electric service from the state's electric IOUs.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom