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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1225 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Department on improving accessibility throughout the State Park System.

While I support enhancing accessibility to recreational opportunities in state parks, this bill would be duplicative of the Department's existing Accessibility Division. Moreover, the Department has completed hundreds of projects throughout the state park system, removing architectural and programmatic access barriers and constructing accessible trails pursuant to a court-approved timeline under a long-standing consent decree.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom