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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 44 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission, in consultation with load-serving entities and resource aggregators, to develop and publish methodologies for "electric load modification protocols" to adjust electric demand forecasts.

While I support expanding electric load flexibility, this bill does not align with the California Public Utility Commission's Resource Adequacy framework. As a result, the requirements of this bill would not improve electric grid reliability planning and could create uncertainty around energy resource planning and procurement processes.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom