



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 317 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to administer the statewide wastewater surveillance program, known as the California Surveillance of Wastewaters network (CalSuWers network), in consultation with local health departments, wastewater utilities, academic institutions, and other partners, to monitor pathogens and other public health indicators.

While I share the author's commitment to increasing surveillance tools available to monitor public health, this bill will result in ongoing General Fund cost pressures not accounted for in the 2025 Budget Act. In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom