



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 647 without my signature.

This bill would make several changes related to the state's energy efficiency programs and the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB), including expanding the Board's membership. The bill also requires the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Equitable Decarbonization program to notify applicants of other available incentive programs overseen by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

I support providing Californians greater access to the state's customer energy programs. However, this bill proposes changes that expand the scope of the LIOB beyond its intended purpose and increase the CPUC and CEC's administrative costs. Additionally, the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG), already coordinates with the LIOB and advises the CEC and CPUC on customer energy programs available to disadvantaged communities throughout the state. I encourage the DACAG and LIOB to continue their coordination and identify additional methods and strategies to enhance customer access to various energy programs.

At a time when electric bill affordability continues to be a pervasive challenge, it is important that we maximize existing coordination groups and consider the new workload and costs impacts to the CEC and CPUC, some of which are

ultimately borne by electric customers, to avoid further compounding the costs embedded in customer electric bills.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'G' and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom