



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 787 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to designate a person to serve as the Senior Counselor on Industrial Policy and Clean Energy Development in order to convene working groups focused on specific issues, including batteries, offshore wind, building decarbonization, workforce development, heat pumps, and affordability. This bill would also require the CEC to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with various agencies on equitable clean energy supply chains and require the Senior Counselor to present an annual report to the CEC, presenting findings and recommendations on strategies and activities undertaken pursuant to the MOU.

Transitioning to a low-carbon, clean energy economy requires active coordination and collaboration among multiple state agencies to effectively implement key policies that shape and influence this transition. This is why there is deliberate and constant engagement among all state agencies involved in this transition, through collaborative decision-making and interagency working groups, among other joint efforts.

While laudable, this bill would create a position whose responsibilities would duplicate, conflict with, and overlap with existing positions and coordinating structures throughout my Administration. The role of creating robust supply chains, enabling the deployment of clean energy and low-carbon, advanced technologies, and developing the 21st-century workforce to support these efforts is not reserved for one position alone. It requires the whole of state government and dozens of dedicated public servants to implement.

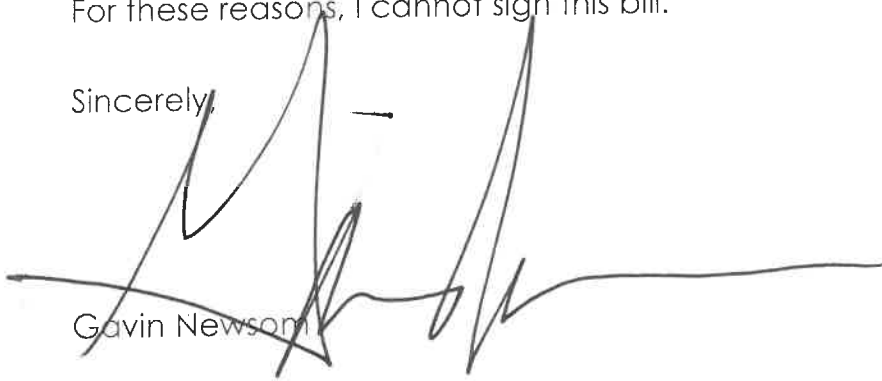


In furtherance of these efforts, I am directing the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, in coordination with the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the California Energy Commission and other relevant agencies, to work with stakeholders to develop and provide my office with recommendations on additional administrative strategies and enhancements to state agency coordinating structures that could better align my Administration's efforts with the state's decarbonization and clean energy deployment policy goals and objectives.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Gavin Newsom", is written over the printed name and extends across the page.