



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 1387, which requires a state agency that collects demographic data to include a separate category and tabulation for Jewish ancestry by January 1, 2029. This bill authorizes a state agency to deviate from the requirements of this bill only upon showing that collecting or reporting data as required by this bill would result in the loss, denial, reduction, or delay of federal funds, and requires any forms that include an "other," write in, or decline to state category to include the separate category and tabulation for Jewish ancestry.

I strongly support this bill's goal: accurate data leads to better understanding to inform policy. I am concerned, however, that this bill establishes too high a standard for when state agencies can deviate from its requirements due to misalignment with data collection mandated by federal law, regulations, or guidelines. I strongly encourage the Legislature to revisit this issue to ensure it does not lead to unintended consequences.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom