



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1099 without my signature.

This bill requires that any child or youth in foster care referred for regional center services receive a case conference within an initial 15-day period and requires regional centers to complete a full assessment and eligibility determination within 60 days.

While I share the author's goal to ensure all children and youth in foster care receive timely access to the support and services they need, this bill would create significant, ongoing General Fund cost pressures to fund local assistance costs annually. Additionally, the Department of Developmental Services is already actively working to modernize and standardize intake procedures to ensure timely access to care for all Californians across the 21 regional centers pursuant to SB 138 (Chapter 192, Statutes of 2023).

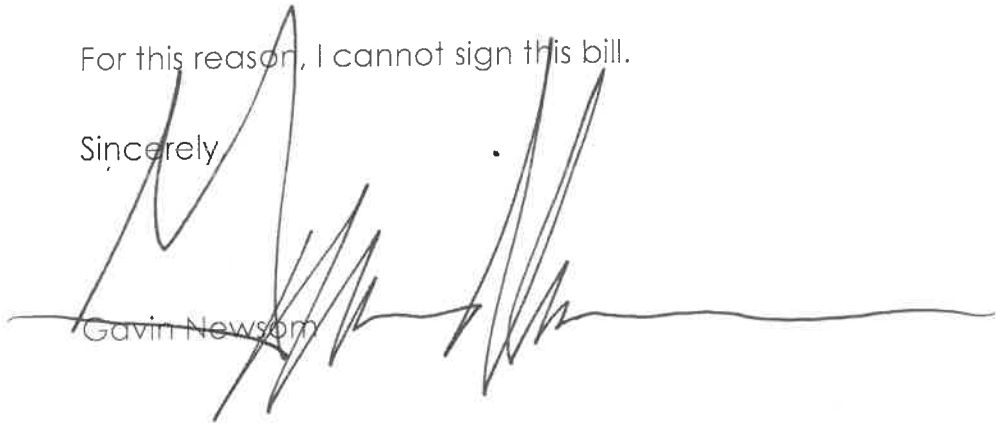
In partnership with the Legislature this year, my administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's 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

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several sharp, overlapping strokes, is written over the printed name "Gavin Newsom". The signature extends across the width of the name and slightly beyond.