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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

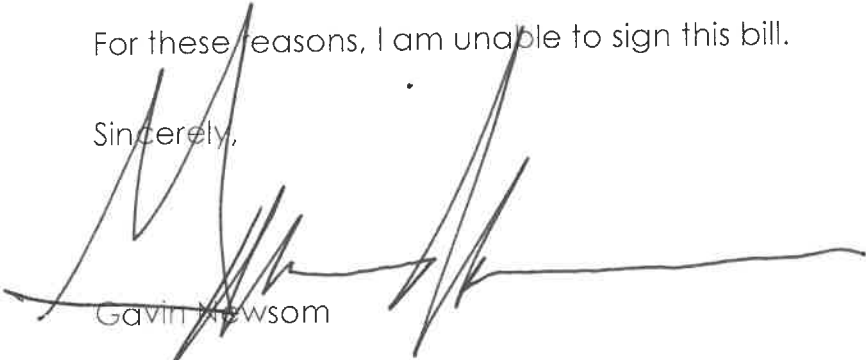
I am returning Assembly Bill 2369 without my signature.

This bill makes energy-only resources eligible to satisfy long-term planning and procurement requirements under the Integrated Resource Plan and would designate energy-only resources as long lead-time resources for purposes of the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) interconnection process.

Increasing the role of "energy-only" resources in state procurement and transmission planning is an important goal, and I appreciate the author's work on this issue. However, this bill is premature. The CAISO is currently studying the potential of energy-only resources as part of the 2026–2027 Transmission Planning Process, with results expected in November 2026. These results will inform the California Public Utilities Commission's development of the new Reliable and Clean Power Procurement Program, which seeks to align requirements of long-term procurement planning, resource adequacy, and other processes. This bill would predetermine the treatment of these energy-only resources before that essential work is complete.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom