



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**SEP 27 2026**

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2543 without my signature.

This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services (OES), in consultation with the California Energy Commission and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, to produce, by July 1, 2028, a statewide assessment evaluating how emergency events affect Californians' access to fuel and transportation resources, identifying essential resources across emergency types, and recommending actions the state should take to ensure fuel and transportation availability during disasters.

I appreciate the author's intent to strengthen California's emergency preparedness and ensure continuity of critical mobility resources during emergencies. Maintaining access to fuel and transportation is essential to public health, safety, evacuation readiness, moving goods, and operation of critical infrastructure.

However, a study of this scale would require substantial new staffing and technical expertise and far longer timelines than those set in the bill, and would divert the OES from core public safety missions by assigning work more appropriately led by agencies with energy systems expertise such as the California Energy Commission.

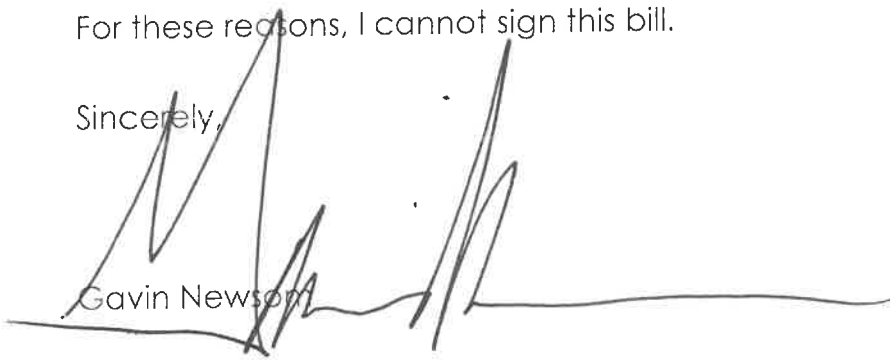
My administration remains committed to ensuring that Californians have access to essential transportation and fuel resources during emergencies. We will

continue pursuing approaches that strengthen resilience through existing statewide systems and partnerships.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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