



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 464 without my signature.

This bill tolls the statute of limitations for bringing an action for sexual assault against a public entity or public employee alleged to have occurred while the claimant is imprisoned.

Protecting incarcerated people from sexual abuse and ensuring that survivors have meaningful avenues to report misconduct and seek accountability is critically important. However, the bill's expanded tolling and claims provisions could expose the state to substantial and uncertain future liability without opportunity for the state to meaningfully investigate or rebut.

By extending the tolling limitation to the period of the claimant's imprisonment, this bill would result in a substantial increase in the number of lawsuits for which documents or evidence may not have been preserved to rebut an allegation. This, coupled with provisions that would exempt these types of claims from the claims presentation requirement, would put the state in a serious disadvantage in defending itself against potential allegations in which evidence is no longer available, or witness memories are no longer reliable.

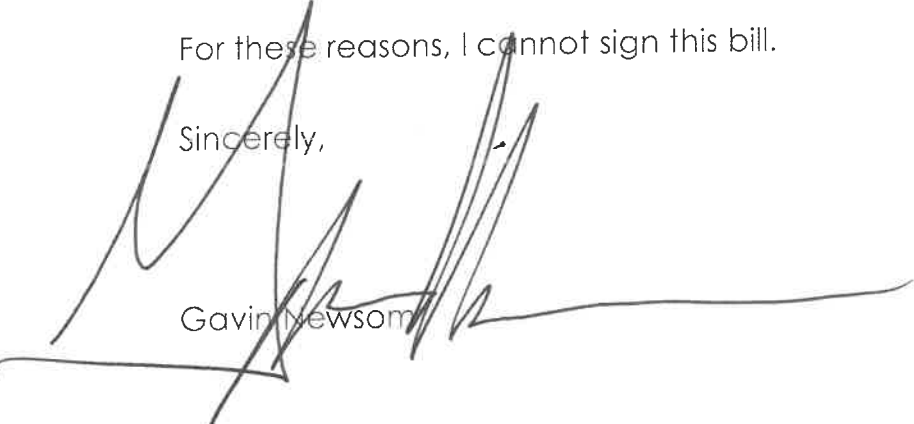
I resolutely condemn any person who sexually assaults an incarcerated individual. Such individuals should be thoroughly investigated and be fully held accountable. I strongly urge the Legislature to reintroduce the provisions of this

bill related to monitoring, notifications, reporting, and transfers following allegations of staff sexual assault.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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