



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 490 without my signature.

This bill would impose several new requirements on the Department of Health Care Services related to oversight of licensed alcohol and other drug (AOD) facilities, investigations of unlicensed AOD facilities, and reporting obligations concerning recovery residences.

I share the author's goal to improve the oversight of facilities serving those seeking treatment for alcohol or drug addiction. However, this bill goes beyond DHCS's regulatory responsibilities regarding the financial disclosures and money transfers for businesses it does not license or oversee. Additionally, the notification requirements in the bill would limit the flexibility needed to manage complex investigations. Finally, authorizing county involvement in unlicensed facility investigations would weaken the structure of the current statewide regulatory system, raising concerns about jurisdiction, confidentiality, training, and enforcement consistency.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

