



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2012 without my signature.

This bill would modify permitting and escort requirements for transporting manufactured homes, factory-built housing, and commercial modular structures. It also would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the California Department of Transportation and the California Highway Patrol, to convene a workgroup to identify opportunities to reduce transportation costs and improve safety and efficiency.

My administration has consistently supported innovation in the building industry and efforts to lower construction costs and increase housing production. However, moving oversized loads safely involves complex engineering, operational, and enforcement considerations. This bill would change longstanding permitting and escort requirements before the workgroup it creates has evaluated whether and how those requirements can safely be revised.

These oversized loads often extend beyond the width of a travel lane, and their safe movement requires route-specific review of lane and shoulder widths, turning radii, bridge and overhead clearances, work zones, traffic volumes, and other changing conditions. In a state as large and geographically diverse as California, these factors can vary significantly from one segment of a route to the next, making careful review and coordination essential.

Any changes to this framework must be carefully designed to account for the technical and safety considerations involved while providing consistent requirements and rules as oversized loads are transported across jurisdictional lines.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over the printed name "Gavin Newsom". The signature is highly fluid and abstract, with long, sweeping strokes that extend both above and below the baseline of the text.