



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2124 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Council on Science and Technology to create a program to review pending legislation upon request by legislators for impacts related to electricity or natural gas ratepayers.

The Legislature already employs professional staff to analyze pending legislation, and their work should include the potential impacts on ratepayers. Additionally, the Legislature has access to the resources and analysis of the Legislative Analysts Office, which could also achieve the goals of this bill. Lastly, the resources required to implement this bill were not considered in the context of this year's budget agreement.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom