



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2343 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to designate or design a public consumer-protection platform to provide information on licensed and certified alcohol and other drug treatment facilities and programs.

While I appreciate the author's intent to help those struggling with addiction find high-quality treatment, this bill is duplicative of existing efforts. In 2023, as part of the state's broader response to the opioid crisis, California launched a free, confidential platform — known as the Treatment Atlas — to help people find and compare addiction treatment options. The 2026 Budget Act provided additional funding for DHCS to continue it through September 30, 2027, making this bill unnecessary.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom