



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1595 without my signature.

This bill would substantially expand circumstances in which a person who has been convicted of a criminal offense may file petitions for writs of habeas corpus.

Due to the expanded pleading standards, this bill will result in additional workload costs to various state and local entities including the Department of Justice, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Department of State Hospitals, and local public defender and district attorney offices. Additionally, the bill would add to the trial courts' caseload, potentially causing court backlogs and creating pressure on the General Fund to handle the increased caseload.

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 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

