



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1180 without my signature.

This bill would specify the criteria for programs, projects, and initiatives to be funded by the California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund (Fund) established under the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (Act), clarify entities eligible for funding, and impose certain requirements on agencies administering the Fund.

I commend the author's commitment to the creation of a circular economy and his desire to ensure that the Fund's resources reach the communities most burdened by plastic pollution.

However, my administration is working through the complex, foundational work of implementing the Act, including its core producer responsibility requirements and ensuring compliance clarity for the regulated community. Much of the work to ensure the funding reaches the most appropriate entities is already underway, and this bill risks complicating implementation of both the Act and the Fund.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom