



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1063 without my signature.

The bill would allow swimming in the Bear Lake Reservoir for four months out of the year while specifying the exact type of water treatment required to ensure the community continues to enjoy safe drinking water from the reservoir. Unfortunately, the Department of Public Health believes that the water treatment requirements in this bill are not feasible and ineffective, and therefore the operation of the reservoir as a means to provide safe drinking water would be put at risk.

I urge the author and sponsors to work with the Department to find a solution that allows for recreational swimming alongside effectively treated safe drinking water.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.