

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 296 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Veterans Affairs to create a task force to study the health of California's women veterans.

While I understand the author's intent, the department is already a member of an existing task force that has been studying women veteran health issues for more than a year. This bill is duplicative of this current effort.

Sincerely,

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