



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2528 without my signature.

This bill would add three sectors – land use and community development, climate justice, and parks, recreation and California culture – to the Safeguarding California Plan (Plan), the state's climate adaptation strategy. The bill would also require the Biodiversity and Habitat sector of the Plan to include habitat resilience areas.

While well intentioned, this bill is unduly restrictive in its definitions. The bill requires too narrow a focus for the broad mandate that the Safeguarding California Plan envisions.

As we continue to evaluate the impacts of climate change across all sectors, it is important for state agencies to be able to identify priorities based on in-depth assessment of climate risks and adaptation needs pertaining to all ecosystems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.