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Introduction

This report summarizes bills considered by the California State Legislature during the first year of the 2019-2020 Legislative Session that directly or indirectly affect the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

Bills noted as "Chaptered" were passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. Bills noted as "Vetoed" were passed by the Legislature but were rejected by the Governor (veto messages are included at the end of this report). Bills listed as “2-year” were tabled for the first year of the current legislative session, either because they did not meet their deadlines or because the author wants more time to work on them. The 2-year bills may be taken up at the beginning of the next legislative year within the current legislative session.

The report lists the bills in numerical order and by subject area. All signed bills, except for urgency, tax levy, election, and appropriation measures, which take effect upon the date of signing, take effect on January 1, 2020. Occasionally, different legislation amends the same section of law. In most of these instances, the language from the bill that was chaptered last (the higher chapter number) takes precedent and becomes the law.

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Acronyms

AB	Assembly Bill
ACA	Assembly Constitutional Amendment
ARB	Air Resources Board
APA	Administrative Procedure Act
BDOs	Boards, Departments and Offices within Cal/EPA
BOE	Board of Equalization
CalEPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
CalRecycle	California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CUPA	Certified Unified Program Agency
DOF	Department of Finance
DGS	Department of General Services
DPH	Department of Public Health
DPR	Department of Pesticide Regulation
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substances Control
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
OAL	Office of Administrative Law
OEHHA	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
OPR	Office of Planning and Research
PERS	Public Employees' Retirement System
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SB	Senate Bill
SJR	Senate Joint Resolution
SPB	State Personnel Board
State	State of California
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
UST	Underground Storage Tank

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 9 (Reyes) Employment discrimination: limitation of actions.
Summary: Existing law authorizes a person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged unlawful practice to file a verified complaint with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing within one year from the date upon which the unlawful practice occurred, unless otherwise specified. This bill extends the above-described period to three years for complaints alleging employment discrimination, as specified. The bill also specifies that the operative date of the verified complaint is the date that the intake form was filed with the Labor Commissioner.
Status: Chapter 709

AB 51 (Gonzalez) Employment discrimination: enforcement.
Summary: This bill prohibits a person from requiring any applicant for employment or any employee to waive any right, forum, or procedure for a violation of any provision of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act or other specific statutes governing employment as a condition of employment, continued employment, or the receipt of any employment-related benefit. The bill also prohibits an employer from threatening, retaliating or discriminating against, or terminating any applicant for employment or any employee because of the refusal to consent to the waiver of any right, forum, or procedure for a violation of specific statutes governing employment.
Status: Chapter 711

AB 74 (Ting) Budget Act of 2019.
Summary: This bill made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2019–20 fiscal year.
Status: Chapter 23

AB 142 (Garcia, C.) Lead-acid batteries.
Summary: This bill, on and after April 1, 2022, increases the amount of the Manufacturer Battery Fee, required by the Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Act of 2016, to $2 and provides that the fee continue indefinitely.
Status: Chapter 860

AB 178 (Dahle) Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.
Summary: This bill specifies, until January 1, 2023, that residential construction intended to repair, restore, or replace a residential building damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor, before January 1, 2020, is required to comply with the photovoltaic requirements, if any, that were in effect at the time the damaged or destroyed residential building was originally constructed and is not required to comply with any additional or conflicting photovoltaic requirements in effect at the time of repair, restoration, or replacement.
Status: Chapter 259

AB 181 (Maienschein) Hazardous waste: cost reimbursement.
Summary: This bill exempts federally-owned facilities from the 25% advance payment requirement for processing hazardous waste facility permit applications, permit modification requests, and variance requests.
Status: Chapter 797

AB 238 (Santiago) Unlicensed automobile dismantlers: enforcement and compliance activities.
Summary: This bill would extend, until January 1, 2023, the requirement that the DMV collaborate with the specified state agencies, including DTSC, to form a “strike team” to review and coordinate enforcement related to unlicensed automobile dismantlers.
Status: 2-Year

AB 280 (Burke) Hazardous materials: fees.
Summary: This bill would provide that the various hazardous waste facility fees, hazardous waste generator fees, and fees imposed on certain organizations that use, generate, store, or conduct activities in the state related to hazardous materials are due and payable, and shall be paid to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, within 45 days after the date of assessment.
Status: 2-Year

AB 312 (Cooley) State government: administrative regulations: review.
Summary: This bill would require each state agency to, on or before January 1, 2022, review its regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, revise those identified regulations, and report its findings and actions taken to the Legislature and Governor. The bill also would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2023.
Status: 2-Year

AB 353 (Muratsuchi) Food service facilities: food service packaging: state-owned facilities, state property, and state agency contracts.
Summary: This bill would specify that a food service facility is prohibited from dispensing prepared food using a type of food service packaging that is not on CalRecycle's published list only at a state-owned facility, on state property, or pursuant to a contract with a state agency.
Status: 2-Year

AB 372 (Voepel) State employees: Infant at Work programs.
Summary: This bill would have, from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2022, established the Infant at Work Pilot Program; authorized a state agency to participate in the pilot program to allow an employee who is a new parent or caregiver to an infant to bring the infant to the workplace; establish certain required elements for the pilot program; and authorized a state agency to adopt regulations that it determines necessary to participate in the pilot program.
Status: Vetoed

AB 432 (Quirk) Released waste: certification of local officers.
Summary: This bill would require SWRCB, in cooperation with DTSC, to develop and implement a certification program for local officers who enter into remedial action agreements.
Status: 2-Year

AB 470 (Limon) California Green Business Program.
Summary: This bill would establish the California Green Business Program within CalEPA. The bill also would require the California Green Business Program to, among other things, develop baseline, beyond compliance, sector-specific environmental standards, as defined, for green business certification programs operated by local governments or their designees.
Status: 2-Year

AB 495 (Muratsuchi) Cosmetics: safety.
Summary: This bill would additionally prescribe that, under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law, a cosmetic is adulterated if it contains asbestos, lead, or any of several specified intentionally added ingredients.
Status: 2-Year

AB 647 (Kalra) Hazardous substances: cosmetics: disinfectants: safety documents.
Summary: This bill, beginning July 1, 2020, requires an entity that manufactures or imports a hazardous substance or mixture of substances that constitutes a cosmetic, or is used as a disinfectant that is required to create a safety data sheet (SDS) for that product, to post and maintain the SDS on its internet website by its brand name or other commonly known name in a manner generally accessible to the public. If a separate SDS based on color or tint exists, the entity is also required to post and translate each SDS into Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean, and other languages that the director of the Department of Industrial Relations may determine are common to the beauty care industry, and to make these translations also publicly available on its website.
Status: Chapter 305

AB 655 (Fong) Hazardous waste: facilities: permits: renewals.
Summary: This bill would require DTSC to process a hazardous waste facilities permit renewal application in an expedited manner if the department determines that certain conditions are met, including that operations at the hazardous waste facility have not changed since the approval of the permit in effect at the time the renewal application is submitted. The bill also would require DTSC to cease processing a hazardous waste

facilities application in an expedited manner if the hazardous waste facility no longer meets one or more of the specified conditions.
Status: 2-Year

AB 733 (Quirk) Hazardous waste: identification: testing.
Summary: This bill would have required DTSC, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, to, within 5 years of the appropriation, review its acute toxicity criteria and guidelines for the identification of hazardous wastes and extremely hazardous wastes and evaluate whether or not there are any alternative test methods that avoid the use of live vertebrate fish and that meet the requirements of the hazardous waste control laws. If the department identified an alternative test method, it would be also have been required to update its regulations to authorize the alternative test method as an optional test method for the identification of hazardous wastes and extremely hazardous wastes.
Status: Vetoed

AB 756 (Garcia, C.) Public water systems: perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
Summary: This bill authorizes SWRCB to order one or more public water systems to monitor for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluroalkyl substances and establishes a separate public notification process as a result of any confirmed detection(s).
Status: Chapter 162

AB 802 (Stone, M.) Reports to the Legislature: Statewide Open Data Portal.
Summary: This bill would require state and local agencies to submit all reports to the Secretary of the Senate, the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, and the Legislative Counsel electronically, rather than submitting a printed copy, and would eliminate the requirement that state agencies separately submit the summary of the report directly to Members of the Legislature.
Status: 2-Year

AB 804 (Ting) Medical waste: sharps waste.
Summary: This bill would provide that a pharmaceutical manufacturer is not required to submit to CalRecycle or post an annual disposal plan if the devices it uses for the injection of that medication are covered products, including home-generated sharps waste, pursuant to the provisions establishing the stewardship program for covered products.
Status: 2-Year

AB 805 (Obernotle) Reports submitted to legislative committees.
Summary: This bill would require a state agency to post on its internet website any report, requested or not, that the state agency submits to a committee of the Legislature.
Status: 2-Year

AB 841 (Ting) Drinking water: contaminants: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
Summary: This bill would require OEHHA to adopt and complete a work plan within prescribed timeframes to assess which substances in the class of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances should be identified as a potential risk to human health and which of the substances are appropriate candidates for notification levels to be adopted by SWRCB. The bill would require OEHHA to provide the Legislature with an update on the assessment by January 1, 2022.
Status: 2-Year

AB 866 (Petrie-Norris) State employment: reduced worktime.
Summary: This bill would require an appointing power for a full-time position to allow for reduced worktime, including, but not limited to, job sharing by two or more employees for a position, in accordance with the Reduced Worktime Act within the State Civil Service Act.
Status: 2-Year

AB 939 (Frazier) Administrative Procedure Act: major regulations.
Summary: This bill would define "major regulation" to be a regulation that the state agency estimates will have an economic impact on California business enterprises and individuals in an amount exceeding $30,000,000, rather than $50,000,000.
Status: 2-Year

AB 995 (Garcia, C.) Hazardous waste.
Summary: This bill would create the Board of Environmental Safety in CalEPA, provide requirements for the membership of the board, require the board to conduct no less than 6 public meetings per year, and provide for the duties of the board, which would include, among others: reviewing specified policies, processes, and programs within the hazardous waste control laws; proposing statutory, regulatory, and policy changes; and hearing and deciding appeals of hazardous waste facility permit decisions.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1013 (Obernolte) State agencies: grant applications.
Summary: This bill prohibits a state agency from permitting an evaluator to review a discretionary grant application submitted by an organization or a person for which the evaluator was a representative, voting member, or staff member within the two-year period preceding receipt of that application.
Status: Chapter 498

AB 1033 (Cooper) State employment: new employees: information.
Summary: This bill requires an appointing power, prior to offering employment to an applicant, to provide the applicant with an explanation of the benefits of state service, both general and particular to the applicable position, in the form of specified materials. The bill also requires that a formal offer of employment contain a written memorialization document acknowledging that the applicant received these materials before accepting employment.
Status: Chapter 447

AB 1171 (Chen) Solid waste: food packaging material: local regulation.
Summary: This bill would prohibit a city, county, city and county, or other local public agency from requiring a grocery store to use a certain type of food packaging for any food sold in the grocery store unless the majority of residential households within the jurisdiction of the local agency have access to a curbside program that accepts the material from which that food packaging is made. The bill also would prohibit those local agencies from prohibiting a grocery store from using a certain type of food packaging for any food sold in the grocery store if a majority of residential households within the jurisdiction of the local agency have access to a curbside program that accepts the material from which that food packaging is made.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1184 (Gloria) Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention.
Summary: This bill would have required a public agency to retain and preserve for at least two years all information relating to the public business that is prepared, owned, or used by the public agency and transmitted by electronic mail, unless a statute or regulation requires a longer retention period.
Status: Vetoed

AB 1191 (Bonta) State Lands Commission: exchange of trust lands: City of Oakland: Howard Terminal property: Oakland Waterfront Sports and Mixed-Use Project, Waterfront Access, Environmental Justice, and Revitalization Act.
Summary: This bill enacts the Oakland Waterfront Sports and Mixed-Use Project, Waterfront Access, Environmental Justice, and Revitalization Act and authorizes the State Lands Commission and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to take certain actions related to the development of the Howard Terminal property located in the City of Oakland for the Oakland Sports and Mixed-Used Project. The bill also requires the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to take certain actions related to the San Francisco Bay Seaport Plan and San Francisco Bay Plan.
Status: Chapter 752

AB 1224 (Gray) Disability insurance: paid family leave program.
Summary: This bill would authorize up to 12 weeks of temporary disability benefits in a 12-month period, but would limit each disability benefit period to six weeks of temporary disability benefits.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1252 (Rivas, R.) Environmental Justice Small Grant Program: advance payments.
Summary: This bill would have authorized CalEPA to award grants to a non-federally recognized California Native American tribe with nonprofit status or in partnership with a nonprofit organization and is located in an area adversely affected by environmental pollution and hazards that works to address environmental justice issues.
Status: Vetoed

AB 1357 (Quirk) Department of Toxic Substances Control: public meetings.
Summary: This bill would require DTSC to hold at least four public meetings each calendar year to present on recent and upcoming decisions or actions relating to permitted hazardous waste facilities, hazardous waste cleanup sites, and the enforcement of the hazardous waste control laws. The bill also would require the director of the department (or his or her designee) to be present and to run the meetings, and to provide time at each meeting for public testimony.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1419 (Kamlager-Dove) Medical waste: pharmaceuticals.
Summary: This bill would exempt from the definition of "pharmaceutical" herbal-based remedies, homeopathic drugs, remedies, and any other product with a National Drug Code identifying the product as "homeopathic," as well as cosmetics, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, toothpaste, lip balm, antiperspirant, and saline products.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1429 (Chen) Hazardous materials: business plans.
Summary: This bill requires a business with a facility that is not required to submit tier II information pursuant to the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 and is not subject to the provisions governing those aboveground storage tanks to submit its business plan once every three years, instead of annually.
Status: Chapter 66

AB 1438 (Melendez) Hazardous materials: Green Ribbon Science Panel: meetings.
Summary: This bill would increase the number of times the Green Ribbon Science Panel is required to meet to not less than three times each year.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1462 (Santiago) Hazardous substances: lead: cleanup: Exide Technologies facility.
Summary: This bill would transfer a loan of $100,000,000 from the General Fund to the Toxic Substances Control Account and would appropriate these funds to DTSC for activities related to accelerating the investigation and cleanup of homes and communities in a specified area that have lead contamination levels that exceed 80 parts per million. The bill also would require the appropriated amount to be available for expenditure until July 1, 2021.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1500 (Carrillo) Hazardous substances.
Summary: This bill would repeal the provision authorizing a unified program agency (UPA) to suspend or revoke a unified program facility permit, or an element of a unified program facility permit, for not paying the permit fee or a fine or penalty associated with the permit. The bill also would authorize the UPA, if a permittee does not comply with a written notice from the UPA to make those payments by the specified date, in addition to suspending or revoking the permit or permit element, to withhold issuance of the permit or permit element.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1509 (Mullin) Solid waste: lithium-ion batteries.
Summary: This bill would establish the Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Program in CalRecycle. The bill also would require a covered entity on or before March 1, 2021, to provide a list of covered products that it sells or offers for sale in the state to the department and the total number of each covered product it sold in the state during the prior year, and to update those lists annually. The bill also would define "covered product" to mean a lithium-ion battery sold separately or sold with a product, or a product containing a lithium-ion battery or battery pack that is not designed to be removed from the product by a consumer.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1531 (Salas) State agencies: bilingual services.
Summary: This bill would reduce, from 5% to 3%%, the threshold by which state agencies are required to provide language access services to a substantial number of non-English speakers.
Status: 2-Year

AB 1596 (ESTM) Hazardous substances: contaminated property: fentanyl cleanup.
Summary: This bill renames the Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005 the Methamphetamine or Fentanyl Contaminated Property Cleanup Act and would additionally apply all of its provisions to fentanyl contaminated property, including property owner site assessment, remediation, cleanup, and financial liability, civil penalties, and local health officer responsibilities.
Status: Chapter 691

AB 1597 (ESTM) Hazardous waste: transportation: electronic manifests.
Summary: This bill aligns the hazardous waste control law to US EPA regulations implementing the electronic manifest system for the transportation of hazardous waste, and deletes obsolete provisions.
Status: Chapter 133

AB 1628 (Rivas, R.) Environmental justice.
Summary: This bill revises the definition of "environmental justice" to include the meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins with respect to those same actions, and provides that "environmental justice" includes, among other things, the availability of a healthy environment for all people.
Status: Chapter 360

AB 1794 (Jones-Sawyer) Unsafe handguns: exemptions.
Summary: This bill would exempt various entities, including DTSC, from the prohibitions against the sale to or purchase of an unsafe handgun for the use by sworn officers of those entities.
Status: 2-Year

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SB 68 (Galgiani) Hazardous waste: treated wood waste.
Summary: This bill would extend the December 31, 2020 sunset on treated wood waste statute to January 1, 2023, and require the wood preserving industry to prepare training materials on how to best handle, dispose of, and otherwise manage treated wood waste.
Status: 2-Year

SB 135 (Jackson) Paid family leave.
Summary: This bill would prohibit an employer with five or more employees from refusing to grant an employee a request to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family care and medical leave if the employee had 180 days of service with the employer.
Status: 2-Year

SB 232 (Dodd) Hazardous substances: regulated metals: packaging materials.
Summary: This bill, until January 1, 2024, would have increased the permissible heavy metal limit of the Toxics in Packaging Prevention Act from 100 to 200 parts per million (ppm) by weight for recycled glass packaging.
Status: Vetoed

SB 317 (Caballero) Hazardous waste: waste facilities: prohibited chemicals.
Summary: This bill bans the sale and distribution of recreational vehicle (RV) chemical toilet deodorizers containing any of 14 designated biocidal chemicals, which cause septic tank failure, and requires the owner or operator of an RV park or campground to post a notice informing users of the ban. This bill also requires, upon appropriation, SWRCB to investigate methods to detect and quantify the specified chemicals in septic systems.
Status: Chapter 367

SB 392 (Allen) Hazardous materials: green chemistry: consumer products.
Summary: This bill would authorize DTSC, in lieu of requiring the analysis of alternatives, following public notice and an opportunity for public comment, to instead rely on all or part of one or more applicable publicly available studies or evaluations of alternatives to the chemical of concern under consideration in a consumer product, in existence at the time of consideration, and to proceed directly to a regulatory response. The bill also would require DTSC to amend specified regulations to conform to these provisions.
Status: 2-Year

SB 424 (Jackson) Tobacco products: single-use and multiuse components.
Summary: This bill would prohibit a person or entity from selling, giving, or in any way furnishing to another person of any age in the state any single-use filters, plastic devices, electronic cigarettes, and vaporizer devices. This bill also would require the manufacturer of these components to use materials eligible for recycling under state or local recycling programs to make any multiuse, reusable component, and to offer methods for recycling those components.
Status: 2-Year

SB 519 (Bradford) Hazardous substances: underground storage tanks.
Summary: This bill authorizes SWRCB to expend moneys in the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund for the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by DTSC or water replenishment districts to identify the source of surface or groundwater contamination, and for remediation costs.
Status: Chapter 480

SB 552 (Archuleta) Hazardous waste: household hazardous waste: door-to-door collection programs: residential pickup services.
Summary: This bill authorizes the use of consolidated manifests in the transportation of household hazardous waste (HHW) in door-to-door HHW collection programs indefinitely by deleting the current sunset.
Status: Chapter 481

SB 633 (Stern) Toxic substances: cleanup standards.
Summary: This bill would require the DTSC, in finalizing cleanup standards for a contaminated site, to consider, among other factors, the history of, and potential for, future migration of contamination offsite or to groundwater or surface water.
Status: 2-Year

SB 647 (Mitchell) Hazardous substances: metal-containing jewelry.
Summary: This bill revises and recasts the provisions relating to the lead and cadmium authorized to be used to make jewelry and children's jewelry, but with certain provisions not to become operative until June 1, 2020.
Status: Chapter 379

SB 726 (Cabellero) Hazardous waste: public agencies: materials exchange program.
Summary: This bill authorizes a contractor of a public agency to conduct a materials exchange program at a household hazardous waste collection facility for reusable household hazardous products and materials.
Status: Chapter 485

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VETO MESSAGES

To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 372 without my signature. This bill would allow a state agency to adopt an Infant at Work pilot program, and adopt the necessary regulations that would permit an employee, who is a new parent or caregiver to an infant, the option to bring their infant to the workplace. I recognize the value of this program, which is in line with my commitment to strengthening parent and caregiver bonding during the earliest months of a child's life. As such, an Infant at Work program might be worth exploring, but the bill as written exposes the state to a high level of risk of lawsuits and should be handled administratively or through collective bargaining. Moreover, the timeline stipulated does not provide adequate time to establish a policy and regulations for a program of this magnitude. Therefore, I am directing CalHR to develop a pilot program to implement this concept in a thoughtful manner.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 733 without my signature. This bill requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to include an optional alternative acute aquatic toxicity test for hazardous waste identification that does not use live vertebrate fish, should a test be found suitable after an evaluation by DTSC. While updating the state's aquatic toxicity test for hazardous waste is laudable and should be explored, DTSC estimates that this bill would require $4.9 million to implement. As the Hazardous Waste Control Account has a structural deficit, the account and the department cannot support this additional activity and expense until the fiscal deficiencies have been addressed.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 1184 without my signature. This bill would require state and local public agencies to retain every public record transmitted by e-mail for at least two years. This bill does not strike the appropriate balance between the benefits of greater transparency through the public's access to public records, and the burdens of a dramatic increase in records-retention requirements, including associated personnel and data-management costs to taxpayer. Therefore, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 1252 without my signature. This bill expands the California Environmental Protection Agency's (CalEPA) authority to distribute advanced payments for grants awarded under the Environmental Justice Small Grant Program. Currently environmental justice grant funds are awarded as a reimbursement for approved projects, but organizations may receive an advanced payment of up to $10,000 in order to begin a project. I support finding new tools to help community-based non-profit organizations and tribal governments overcome obstacles to accessing environmental justice grants. However, state agencies have to ensure state monies are appropriately spent by verifying the expense prior to disbursing the funds. The resources required to attempt to track down, verify or recover misspent grant dollars after they have been paid would divert staff time and resources away from administering the program and assisting other grant applicants.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 232 without my signature. This bill increases the permissible heavy metal limit in recycled glass from 100 parts per million (ppm) to 200 ppm until January 1, 2024. While I have been a strong supporter of increasing our recycling efforts in California, I do not believe we should risk potential exposure to toxic substances during the process. This bill would allow increased heavy metal levels in glass packaging, which may result in unsafe toxic exposures. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have unequivocally stated that there is no safe level of lead exposure, especially for vulnerable populations like our children. We need to ensure that the food products we give to our children are in glass containers that are safe for consumption.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

SIGNING MESSAGES

There are no signing messages from the Governor for this half of the legislative session.