



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 117 without my signature.

This bill codifies the Electric Bicycle Incentive Project (Project) to provide incentives to income-eligible individuals for the purchase of electric bicycles at participating retailers.

I support the author's intent and goals of this program, which is why the 2021-22 Budget Act included \$10 million in one-time funding for this Project. However, there is no ongoing source of funding for this Project.

With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending, particularly spending that is ongoing. We must prioritize existing obligations and priorities, including education, health care, public safety, and safety-net programs.

The Legislature sent measures with potential costs of well over \$20 billion in one-time spending commitments and more than \$10 billion in ongoing commitments not accounted for in the state budget. Bills with significant fiscal impact, such as this measure, should be considered and accounted for as part of the annual budget process.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and overlaps the line.

Gavin Newsom