ASCSU Plenary Minutes
January 18-19, 2024
Office of the Chancellor, Dumke Auditorium (Hybrid)

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8:03 AM

Approval of agenda
Approved

Minutes
Approved: Minutes from 2-3 November 2023

Presentations/Introductions
The following new senators were introduced and welcomed:

Suzanne Moineau
Julie Simons
Nyakundi Michieka
Charles Lam
Jennifer Underwood

Reports
See attached

Speakers

Leora Freedman, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources
Recruitment
Vice Chancellor of Civil Rights search has concluded. New person will start February 19. Vice Chancellor for External Relations and Communications appointment will hopefully be made at the next Board meeting. Have posted jobs for the 5 systemwide directors of civil rights. 2 current staff will take on those roles. Will have other current staff to serve in interim role.

Board of Trustees items
Retreat policy will be updated to deny administrators retreat rights when a finding has been made that they engaged in misconduct and violation of CSU policy or law. The decision of whether they should continue to have contact with CSU students will be made at the time of the request to retreat. It will not depend on whether they have separated from the university.

The current reference letter policy explicitly prohibits providing references for current or former employees who engaged in certain violations of university policy or other misconduct and were separated from employment as a result of that conduct. The revised policy would allow a written reference provided that the letter acknowledges the fact, nature, and timing of the finding of sexual harassment or other misconduct.

Will also present on Title IX policies. There will be multiple efforts, many of which involve increased oversight of campus Title IX and Discrimination Harassment and Retaliation programs.

Addressing other conduct of concern
Other conduct of concern—problematic conduct which does not rise to the level of formal policy violations—is outside of the civil rights divisions and more of an Human Resources matter. Working to formalize a definition of what constitutes this conduct. Many instances of this conduct warrant some kind of response from the university, even if not discipline. Conduct left ignored can escalate either in intensity or have increased cumulative effects from repeated behavior. She recognizes that in the past the focus has been on policy violations and this has meant a lack of focus on such conduct. Need to change this focus and change culture.

Legislation
Working with lawmakers who are preparing draft Title IX related legislation. Urging them to wait until the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights issues its revised rules. Has been delayed a few times, but most recently told the new rules would be issued in March.

**Genesis Galilea Pompa - CSSA Vice President of System-wide Affairs, CSSA Liaison**
CSSA plenary at Cal Poly SLO this coming weekend. Advocating for equitable emergency aid for students within the CSU. Will discuss AB810 and AB1575. AVC Student Affairs will provide
an update on the CFA / CSU bargaining and strike. ASCSU Chair Steffel and DVC Evans will present and answer questions about AB928.

Members asked about student attitudes toward the upcoming strike, which she reported were varied. Members also asked if CSSA has an official position on the form that is being circulated to students requesting them to report striking professors. She reported that the CSSA Board will discuss taking a position at their upcoming plenary.

Members asked several questions about student experiences around financial aid, including how it impacts housing, students' ability to participate in leadership, and disproportionate impacts on immigrant students (including AB540 [https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/championing-equity-systemwide-ab-540-faq/]).

Charles Toombs - CFA President, CFA Liaison
President Toombs noted that many questions about the strike are answered on the CFA bargaining FAQ page.

The fact that the CSU bargaining team left on the second day of the planned 4 day meeting doesn’t mean much. They or CFA can return to the table at any point. The impacts of the current situation on the reopening of the full contract on July first are unclear. It depends on what deal is reached now.

President Toombs emphasized that striking is legal. Any retaliation should be brought to the attention of the campus chapter and CFA will fight it. Pay may be docked for faculty who strike. Faculty must report honestly if asked about their decision to strike. But they are not required to volunteer that information if not asked.

Dilcie Perez, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Student Affairs Officer, and Nathan Evans, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Academic Officer
Community College Baccalaureate degrees
Making progress on the understanding of ‘duplication’ through ICAS work and a working group between administrations from the UC, Community Colleges, and CSU. There is new legislation in spot bills which would expand CCC baccalaureate degrees.
AB928 and Cal-GETC
Will be presenting the Board with draft Title 5 changes related to admissions requirements. Will also be presenting 2 options: one which adds Cal-GETC and one which does that and alters CSU GE Breadth. Will then bring action item in March based on conversation at the Board. Chair Steffel will be part of the presentation.

Second start
Approximately 135k students who have left CSU without graduating since 2016, trying to get them back. If have been gone for more than 3 years, second start program will reset their GPAs, waive any application fees, and hopefully remove administrative barriers. 12-13 campuses have signed up to participate. There is a ‘Welcome back’ form and process to streamline readmissions so students don’t have to go through the whole application process. Currently, because it is a pilot, won’t be able to allow returning students to any CSU —they will have to go to the campus they left. Hoping to work around this in the future.

Graduation Initiative
Pilot program at Fullerton called Graduate 365 which will provide real time data at the individual student level which will help target students and help them graduate in timely fashion. Working on creating a community of practice around these approaches to talk about best practices. Have had problems getting real time data from campuses but by hosting data in Amazon Web Services, this will get better.

Black student success
Campus inventories are in final stages. Summaries are being finalized. Looking for continuing funds to follow on the $10million in 1-time monies.

Budget
Governor just released new budget proposal. It maintains a written commitment to the Compact but creatively restructures how funding works. This could be fiscally difficult for the CSU. The budget proposal still requires CSU to make progress on our side of the commitments for, inter alia, growing enrollment. The budget rejects the Trustee’s requests and gives no new continuing monies or one time funds for the equity goals of the graduation initiative, advancing Black student success, ensuring NAGPRA compliance, or provide increased compensation. In December, DVC Evans and advocacy staff met with staff and leaders in Sacramento to work to advocate. New revenues from increased tuition will be ~$148million; $49 million set aside for State University Grant.
Enrollment
Now projecting that CSU will conclude this year ~4.9% below state funded enrollment target. Looking at allocations of resident FTES to campuses. Chancellor Garcia has determined to recoup 3% from campuses that are 10% or more below target in 2024-2025. This is instead of the 5% that was the previous plan. The plan remains to impose a 5% reduction in each of 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

Several major partnerships have been created, including one with Los Angeles Unified. Many campuses have removed impaction from programs. In general, there has never been a better time to apply to the CSU. Implementing a recommendation from previous workgroup to empanel a CSU strategic enrollment advisory council. Working on finding a consultant to help.

Search for Vice Chancellor for External Relations and Communications, who will be in charge of our marketing efforts, has concluded. The new person will be announced at the Board meeting.

Financial aid
Changes to FAFSA were rolled out at the last minute on December 31st. This will be a very challenging year for colleagues in financial aid. The system and campuses are working on the technical side of implementing. Also will be corresponding changes to the California Financial Aid for undocumented students.

Doctoral degree programs
AB656 was signed, giving the CSU more authority to grant doctoral programs. Have hired former Dean of Academic Affairs and Services at East Bay to take a more holistic look at our offerings.

Committee on Academic Technology and Online Education (CATOE)
CATOE is resurrected and will meet soon. President Perez (Chico) will chair.

Mildred García, CSU Chancellor
AB928
Recognizes the complexity of the issues and the need to implement by Fall 2025. Thanked the ASCSU for the hard work of developing Cal-GETC and in working together on Title 5.
Concerned about community college students being confused about GE. She opposes having 2 different GE programs. Afraid that students may come to the CSU and realize that they could do less work at the community colleges. She much rather have them enrolled in the CSU.

Legislative intrusion is becoming more common across the country. Saw the intrusion with legislation creating ethnic studies. Must act before more intrusion occurs. Therefore we must “create one seamless, equitable process for all of our students”. We must demonstrate our creativity and commitment to our shared vision and mission.

The Chancellor and DVC Evans stated that while the Board of Trustees asked for multiple options for Title 5 changes, they intend to move forward with changes to CSU GE Breadth.

Lobbying
Working to shape policy at the federal and state levels. Meeting with the Governor and legislators to work on issues including the intersegmental relationship with community colleges. Working on relationships with federal agencies to ensure that the CSU gets more grants for faculty research.

Budget
Estimated California budget shortfall is estimated at $37.9 billion due to substantial stock market decline in 2022 and the delay last year in income tax collection. The Governor’s budget proposal released this month contains no new ongoing or one time funding.

CFA
Chancellor Garcia expressed that despite the CSU’s best efforts, there has been no meaningful movement from CFA over the course of 7 months of negotiations. She sees no indication that the CFA is open to reasonable negotiations. Therefore she has imposed a 5% raise.

Presidential hires
She expects to announce the next president of Stanislaus at March Board meeting. The president of Fullerton will be announced in May; president of Bakersfield in September.

CSU Trustee Chair Wenda Fong; Trustee Larry L. Adamson; and Faculty Trustee Darlene Yee-Melichar
Chair Fong invited senators to express views about AB928 and Cal-GETC. Members argued that the Board should not change CSU GE Breadth at this time without evidence that the changes would benefit students.

Trustee Adamson emphasized his opposition to any form of legislative intrusion. He expressed concern that different voices from the CSU speak to the legislature and that creates confusion which invites intrusion. His reading of AB928 is that it is only aimed at transfer and admissions.

Chair Fong raised the recent Still Left Out report from the Campaign for College Opportunity on the diversity of senate memberships and asked what the ASCSU is doing to address our lack of diversity. Chair Steffel pointed to the structural changes the ASCSU has recently made including the creation of the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion standing committee, while acknowledging that a great deal remains to be done.

Alumni Council Presentation - Four Million Ways to Increase Graduation Rates and Close Equity Gaps: Engaging Alumni in Student Success: Presenters - Sam Camarena, Manager, Advancement Academy; Aaron Moore, Executive Director, CSU Alumni Council; Jodi Braverman, Associate Executive Director, CSU Alumni Council
Gave a presentation on a new student mentoring program. See attached.

**Resolutions**

**Action Items**
AS-3652/APEP Notation of Subject Matter Waiver Program Completion on Official Student Transcripts
Approved

AB-3654/APEP Transfer Admission Routes to the CSU Outside of Cal-GETC
Approved

AS-3666-23/Exec/AA Opposition to Changing California State University General Education Breadth at This Time
Approved

AS-3647-23/AA Call for Task Force on CSU General Education
Approved

AS-3651-23/AA A Call for Continuing Collaboration on Title 5 Changes
Approved

AS-3655/FGA Resolution to Change Position to Support SB 252 CalPERS Fossil Fuel Divestment
Approved

AS-3656/FGA Change in the Advocacy Positions Taken on ASCSU Monitored Legislative Bills
Approved

First Reading Waiver
AS-3669-23/FA/JEDI Support for the Unit 3 Bargaining Process and Historic Statewide Strike Waiver: Approved
Approved

AS-3673-24/Floor On Cal-GETC Alignment and Shared Governance Waiver: Failed

First Readings
AS-3665-23/AA Faculty Choice in Selection of Course Materials

AS-3670-23/Exec Apportionment of Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) Seats

AS-3672-23/FGA Change in Bylaws to Define the position of Legislative Specialist for the Academic Senate of the ASCSU

AS-3668-23/APEP Funding for Transfer Curriculum Evaluation Work

Adjourned
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January 2024 ASCSU Chair’s Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash and Tongva.

The CSU Generative AI Committee (which the ASCSU has been urging to start since 2019) had its organizational meeting this month and will “develop guidelines and policy recommendations for the CSU on generative AI with a focus on teaching, learning, & scholarship; applications for enhanced productivity; information technology, security, and privacy; procurement and AI-enabled features in enterprise systems; and implications for copyright and intellectual property.” In November, representing the ASCSU, I spoke on a panel entitled “AI writing tools: Develop flexible academic policies and guidance” at the Inside Higher Ed/Times Higher Ed Student Success Conference at UCLA. Also representing faculty, I spoke on a leadership panel entitled “Doing the Work” at last semester’s CSU Graduation Initiative 2025 Symposium. You can watch recordings from the symposium here.

With CSU Academic and Student Affairs, I will be co-presenting the information item on the 2021 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (AB 928) at the January 2024 CSU Board of Trustees meeting.

I am serving on the Civil Rights Oversight Committee which has had one initial meeting and will be meeting monthly. (The CSU has renamed its Title IX, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation areas to “Civil Rights”.) I served on the recruitment committee for the Vice
Chancellor for External Relations and Communications. We have finished interviews and the new Vice Chancellor should be announced at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting at the end of January. I also served on the recruitment committee for the Associate Vice Chancellor for Civil Rights Programming and Services who should be announced soon.

As ASCSU Chair, I am chairing the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) this year (the CSU, CCC, and UC take turns chairing the committee; this year is the CSU's year). ICAS is the creator and editor of the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) as required by the 2021 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (AB 928). In December 2023, ICAS approved the recommended changes to the Cal-GETC Standards and the Cal-GETC Standards 1.1 document can be viewed here.

ICAS also approved recommendations regarding community college Baccalaureate Degree Duplication Review (AB 927 which indefinitely extended the community college baccalaureates pilot program specifically prohibits duplication with anything already offered in the CSU or UC).

On Sunday, January 21, I will be presenting to the CSSA Plenary our normal ASCSU update as well as our continuing conversation on AB 928 implementation. I also continue to serve as liaison to the California Faculty Association.

In addition to regular liaison reports, I am also serving on the Chancellor’s Financial Aid Workgroup which will have an information item presented at the January CSU Board of Trustees meeting, the Honorary Degrees - Subcommittee of the Trustees’ Committee on Educational Policy, and the System Budget Advisory Committee.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Steffel
Chair, Academic Senate of the California State University
FISCAL & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (FGA)
CHAIR’S REPORT
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Link:


I. Since the December FGA meeting, FGA hasn’t met. With final exams and the break, we’ve been busy, but not with much related to FGA.

II. In fiscal matters:
   A. The CSU has imposed their “last best offer” on unit 3 employees (faculty). Essentially this is a 5% raise, starting January 31.
   B. The Governor’s January Budget Proposal has dropped. It doesn’t fund the compact this year but promises to repay the CSU next year. Presumably the CSU could use a bond to cover this, but that would put us on the hook to repay and compacts are handshake agreements at best it seems. Of note: between the governor’s proposed increase and the student tuition increase, the already finalized pay increases are not even close to covered.

III. At the January interim FGA, FGA will:
   A. Meet with:
      1. CO Liaison’s Kitchell and Foster
      2. ExCom Liaison Boyd and Faculty Trustee Yee-Melichar
      3. CFA Liaison Filling
      4. JEDI Liaisons Filland and Kavuri-Bauer
   B. Finalize revisions to resolutions:
      1. AS-3655-23/FGA to support SB 252
      2. AS-3656-23/FGA to revise ASCSU legislative positions
   C. Draft:
      1. Bylaws change defining the roles and responsibilities of the Legislative Specialist position. Feedback on AS-3656-23/FGA suggesting that a bylaws change might be the best approach for ASCSU to provide timely needed input for the Legislative Specialist during times between standing meetings
   D. Receive status updates on
      1. Sustainable Financial Model Workgroup response
      2. PELL -
      3. Mercer study response
      4. Cost estimate for intersegmental curricular work
      5. Resolution on managing student enrollment
      6. Resolution on two faculty trustees
In the interim between the November 2023 plenary and the January 2024 plenary:

The Faculty Affairs Committee received testimony from representatives of Immigrants Rising on a resolution to support DACA workers in the CSU.

- Chair Burkhalter joined a group of faculty and staff interested in the practice of administering and interpreting student evaluations of teaching across CSU campuses led by Katie Dyer, Professor at CSU Fresno and Suzi Spear, Professor at CSU Northridge. Professor Dyer has crafted a preliminary report of her findings, which you can access here. The group will be discussing the report and next steps at a zoom meeting on 3-8-24.

- Faculty Trustee Yee-Melichar has asked Faculty Affairs Committee to consider the following topics this semester:
  - Annual Systemwide Report on Hate Incidents on Campus
  - Update on Civil Rights (Title IX and other Nondiscrimination) Programs and Services

Faculty Affairs also asked ASCSU Executive Committee to forward questions below to CFA president Charles Toombs and AVC for Human Resources, Leora Freedman, about the Jan 22-26 CFA authorized strike so that they could be prepared to answer them during plenary.

- What does it mean for the 23-24 collective bargaining process that the Chancellor’s Office bargaining team ended bargaining? What is the point of going on strike in January if the CO is refusing to continue the bargaining process?

- How does the outcome of the 23-24 bargaining process affect bargaining when the full contract is re-opened in June 2024?

- For faculty who plan to honor the strike, how do they protect themselves from workplace discipline under the law? For example,
1. What kinds of legal protections can faculty expect if they go on strike?
2. How will faculty report that they are on strike in order to avoid potential charges of being subordinate or absent without leave?
3. Why can't faculty take vacation or sick leave and still be considered to be on strike?
4. What is a "partial strike" and why is it important that faculty not engage in "partial strike"?
5. How does the partial strike prohibition apply to employees with special circumstances, such as counselors and department chairs who for contractual or professional reasons must perform part of their jobs?
6. Will faculty who go on strike lose pay for days that they are absent from their workplace?
7. Can faculty access their campus email and associated cloud storage space (e.g. google drive) while they are on strike if they do not do any work associated with teaching or service?
8. If they are on strike, is it advisable that faculty keep their online classrooms in learning platforms such Canvas or Blackboard open? Or should faculty close access to their online classrooms during the strike?
9. Since research is not part of the contractual obligations of many faculty, but is a requirement for tenure and promotion, can faculty continue to work on their research projects while on strike? What research can grant-sponsored faculty continue to do?
10. During the strike will faculty be expected to fulfill any part of their role as ASCSU senators for which they receive reassigned time during the strike?

In its January 17, 2024, meeting, the Faculty Affairs Committee
1. Welcomed two new members, Ryan Heryford from CSU East Bay and Nyakundi Michieka from CSU Bakersfield. We also welcome back Elaine Newman from Sonoma State who was on leave during Fall semester (we said goodbye to Senator Damien Wilson at our 12-1-23 meeting)
2. Received reports from Margarita Berta-Avila, CFA Vice President, and from Chancellor’s office liaisons
3. Met with Thomas Norman, Executive Committee Liaison and Nola Butler-Boyd, JEDI
4. Put forward for consideration first reading/waiver “Resolution in Support of Unit 3 Bargaining Process and Historic Statewide Strike”
5. Gathered additional feedback from committee members on Second Reading Resolutions AS 3660-23/JEDI/FA and AS3661-23/JEDI/FA to Add Three Temporary Faculty (Lecturer) Seats to the ASCSU (note these resolutions have been postponed for second reading until March 2024)
7. Discussed faculty perspectives on the campus impact of Chancellor’s Office proposal to the Board of Trustees to amend GE Breadth to the revised CalGETC curricular pattern and standards
APEP January 2024 Report to the Plenary

APEP met on 17 January 2024. The main items of business were the following:

- Updating the two resolutions that will be coming to the Plenary at second reading at this meeting:
  - AS 3654-23/APEP: Transfer Pathways Other than Cal-GETC
    We made many changes to this resolution, including changing the title to Transfer Admission Routes to the CSU Outside of Cal-GETC, to clarify the resolution and respond to comments made at first reading. Also, we significantly shortened this resolution to help clarify and focus the message of the resolution.
  - AS 3652-23/APEP: Notation of Subject Matter Program Completion on Official Student Transcripts
    We updated this resolution, including a small change to the title, to clarify the resolution and respond to comments made at first reading.

- We created a new resolution calling for the CO to work with the CCC CO to improve funding for faculty engaging in intersegmental transfer curriculum work such as FDRGs and COR evaluation.

- We had a discussion that will continue at our next meeting on the oversight of high school a-g requirements for admission to the CSU/UC.

- We plan to have a discussion of the SAT at an upcoming meeting.

APEP January 2024 Report to Extended Executive Committee

APEP will meet on 17 January 2024. Items for discussion include the following:

- Updates from System Wide Committees
- Updating the two resolutions that were seen at first reading in November:
  - AS-3654-23/APEP: Transfer Pathways Other than Cal-GETC
  - AS-3652-23/APEP: Notation of Subject Matter Program Completion on Official Student Transcripts
- Support for Faculty Engaging in Transfer Curriculum Work
- Oversight of high school a-g requirements
Academic Affairs January 17, 2024
Report
(Pre-meeting)

Academic Affairs will meet on January 17, 2024. Items for discussion include:

1. AB 928, General Education (GE)
2. CSU GE Breadth and Cal-GETC
3. Certificates, Badges, Post-Secondary Education
4. Faculty Choice in Selection of Course Materials
5. GWAR (Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement)
6. CCC BA Proposals
7. Reports from AVC Massey and AVC Kennedy
8. Other issues from committee members
The ASCSU Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee will meet on December 1, 2023 to discuss the following:

**Resolutions**
The committee worked on the following resolutions:

- Lecturer Seats on ASCSU (Filling)
  - Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate, the California State University (ASCSU) to Add Three Designated Temporary Faculty Positions
  - Change in Bylaws of the Academic Senate, the California State University (ASCSU) to Accommodate the Addition of Three Designated Temporary Faculty Positions
- Resolution Calling for California to Ban Book Banning (Weston|Butler-Byrd)
- JEDI Committee Bylaw Charter Update (Butler-Byrd)
- Resolution Encouraging a Fair Contract (Sussman-Dabach|Filling).
- International Programs Resolutions (Vann|Vinoche)
  - BIPOC, Pell Grant recipients recruitment is desperately needed—tied to Sen. Paul Simon Study Abroad Act.
  - Faculty Recruitment
- ASCSU BIPOC Senator Recruitment, Retention & Leadership Development
  - Diversity Sustainability Stories—Hostile Work Environment and other Challenges that POC Face in the CSU

**JEDI Liaisons**
The following JEDI committee liaisons will go to committees at 3pm:

- APEP: Michael Vann and Mary Virnoche
- GEAC: Dana Nakano
- FA: Elizabeth Sussman-Dabach
- FGA: Santhi Kavuri-Bauer

**Business** will include the following:

- January 2023 JEDI Training
- Resurging Terrorism, Crimes Against Humanity in the Middle East
- 11-2-23 Committee of the Whole discussion re September 2023 plenary and January 2024 JEDI Training for ASCSU
- Bargaining--JEDI Related Issues--CFA Fast Finding concluded on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Thanked the Bargaining team for all of the efforts, impressed that 95% of CFA membership authorized a strike, if bargaining fails.
e. ASCSU BIPOC Senator Recruitment, Retention & Leadership Development
   i. Diversity Sustainability (Stories of POC)

f. Cozen O’Connor Title IX Report and State Audit Implementation: Committees and Legislative Actions

g. Black Student Success Report Resolution

h. SB-447 [GO-Biz: Building and Reinforcing Inclusive, Diverse, Gender-Supportive Equity Project](Nakano|Garcia|Filling). Recommendations to put some “teeth” into this new initiative, not just marketing and education efforts.

i. a. Islamophobia, Antisemitism, Racism, Silence and Freedom of Expression in Classrooms and Committees: Faculty Professional Ethics Issues

j. Newly signed laws supporting abortion and gender-affirming care services
The CSU Board of Trustees meets six times a year. Meetings allow for communication among the Trustees, Chancellor, campus presidents, Academic Senate, California State Student Association and Alumni Council.

The 2023-24 Meeting Schedule of the Board completed on November 7-8, 2023. It started in the morning on Tuesday, November 7 (half day) in Closed Session for discussion about Executive Personnel Matters [Government Code §11126(a)(1)], Pending Litigation [§11126(e)(1)]; and Collective Bargaining [Government Code §3596(d)]. The Board then met in the afternoon on Tuesday, November 7 (half day) and Wednesday, November 8 (half-day) in Open Session for public comments, information items and action items.

The Board’s full agenda and background materials (207 pages) for the November 2023 meeting are available at https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/past-meetings/Documents/FULL-BINDER-nov-7-8.pdf. The Board meetings are broadcast live to the public; you may access the live stream videos on YouTube associated with Open Session at https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/past-meetings/Pages/november-7-8-2023.aspx.

For the full Board and committee meetings held in Open Session, I provide links to the specific meeting materials and videos; brief summaries using ChatGPT with technical assistance provided by SF State Academic Technology and in concurrence with my personal meeting notes; and share my brief queries or requests for feedback below for your consideration. If you have any comments, corrections, and/or questions regarding my Faculty Trustee Report, please let me know (dyee@calstate.edu). I look forward to hearing from you; thank you.

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**November 7-8, 2023 (Full Agenda)**

On November 7-8, 2023, the meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees was held at the Chancellor’s Office in Long Beach.

**On Tuesday, November 7, at 9:00 a.m.**, the Board convened in Closed Session to discuss Executive Personnel Matters and Pending Litigation including Hernandez, et al. v. The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, et al.; CSU v. SELF; and Cole v. CSU, et al.

**On Tuesday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m.**, the Board continued in Closed Session for the Committee on Collective Bargaining. In my role as Faculty Trustee, I am not party to this latter discussion. Note: According to California Education Code § 66602 (c2), the Faculty Trustee “shall not participate on any subcommittee of the board responsible for collective bargaining negotiations.”

**On Tuesday, November 7, at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday, November 8**, the Board convened in Open Session.
Tuesday, November 7, 2023

11:00 a.m. - Plenary Session (Day 1)

During public comment in Open Session of the November CSU Board of Trustees meeting, several in-person and virtual speakers passionately addressed various pressing issues concerning the university system, mainly focusing on the decision to increase tuition by 6% for each of the next five years. The speakers articulated concerns about the impact of this decision on students, faculty, and staff while highlighting what they considered to be financial mismanagement within the CSU system.

Among the speakers were a communication student at Cal State Long Beach and a Students for Quality Education (SQE) member who expressed frustration regarding the tuition hike’s impact on students. The speaker emphasized students’ challenges, including housing and food insecurity, working multiple jobs, and accumulating substantial student loan debts. Similarly, another student from Students for Quality Education (SQE) at Cal State Long Beach criticized the decision-makers for neglecting the struggles faced by students and faculty due to financial constraints.

Other speakers highlighted the disparities in CSU’s budget allocation, emphasizing the massive financial reserves and investments while faculty and staff struggle for fair wages. A student from Students for Quality Education (SQE) at CSU Los Angeles pointed out the extensive financial resources available to the CSU and demanded fair compensation for faculty and staff.

A history student at Cal State Fullerton raised concerns about the tuition hike’s impact on working-class students aspiring to become educators. They urged the Board to reconsider the decision and advocated for accessible education. Furthermore, a political science major at Cal Poly Pomona, expressed frustration over the tuition increase, emphasizing its adverse effects on students’ futures and demanding justice for students and staff.

Other speakers criticized the Board for neglecting students of color and misallocating funds, particularly highlighting the lack of resources in cultural centers and the systemic issues that affect marginalized communities. Additionally, speakers highlighted broader social issues, such as the contribution of CSU funds to weapon manufacturers and the lack of financial assistance for undocumented students, urging the Board to prioritize accessible education and equality for all students.

Overall, the speakers collectively addressed concerns about financial mismanagement, lack of transparency in budget allocation, the impact of tuition hikes on students, faculty, and staff, and broader social responsibilities of the CSU system. Their impassioned pleas aimed to hold the CSU Board of Trustees accountable and urged them to prioritize students’ well-being and equitable access to education.

1:15 p.m. – Plenary Session (Day 1)

CSU Board of Trustees Chair Wenda Fong began the meeting with a detailed report primarily focusing on introducing new leadership and celebrating various initiatives. Chair Fong opens with the introduction of Dr. Mildred García as the new CSU Chancellor. Chancellor García’s previous roles, including her presidency at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and her tenure at CSU Dominguez Hills and Cal State Fullerton, are highlighted, emphasizing her outstanding leadership qualities and keen commitment to student success.
The appointment of Dr. Mandara Savage as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Professional and Continuing Education (PaCE) is another significant announcement. His role is pivotal in managing and enhancing diverse, high-quality online and hybrid programs across the CSU’s 23 campuses.

The session also showcases the positive impact of the PaCE program through student success stories. Maria Del Carmen Gonzalez, a master’s student in counseling at CSU Fullerton, and Sukoon Swing, a Bachelor of Arts graduate in social sciences, share their transformative experiences with the PaCE program. These stories highlight the program’s role in providing accessible and flexible educational opportunities, accommodating a diverse range of students and their unique life situations.

Beth Steffel, Chair of the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU), presented her report. Chair Steffel acknowledged Native American Heritage Month and shared updates on the ASCSU’s activities. She highlighted their involvement in the Graduation Initiative 2025 Symposium, emphasizing faculty roles in achieving graduation goals. Chair Steffel detailed the ASCSU resolutions passed; notably, one focused on advancing Black student success, urging campuses to resource and act on findings, and another addressed COVID-19 mitigation on CSU campuses. She emphasized the importance of shared governance in curricular changes and condemned acts of terrorism and war crimes in light of the Israel-Palestine crisis.

Dominic Treselor, President of the California State Student Association (CSSA), followed with a comprehensive report. President Treselor expressed gratitude for the interim Executive Director’s leadership and discussed CSSA’s commitment to representing CSU students to the state legislature and the Board of Trustees. He highlighted CSSA’s policy agenda, addressing financial aid barriers and student support, and mentioned successful legislative endorsements benefiting students. President Treselor also urged equitable consideration for students amidst faculty salary negotiations, expressing concerns about the impact of potential strikes on students’ academic progress and financial aid.

John Poli, President of the CSU Alumni Council, presented his report. President Poli stressed the role of alumni in showcasing the value of higher education and their advocacy efforts to incorporate alumni voices into state and federal relations. The CSU Alumni Council also participated in the search for crucial CSU positions, emphasizing the importance of engaging alumni in student success priorities.

CSU Chancellor Mildred García presented a comprehensive inaugural Chancellor’s report. She expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the first Latina CSU Chancellor and highlighted her commitment to social mobility, equity, and leadership collaboration across CSU campuses. Chancellor García emphasized the CSU’s impact on social mobility, fostering cooperation between public higher education segment heads and condemning acts of terrorism while ensuring campus support and safety. She emphasized storytelling to highlight CSU’s achievements and mentioned future goals, including addressing financial obligations, Native American repatriation, and securing fair agreements amidst collective bargaining.

Overall, the speakers presented reports encompassing student advocacy, alumni engagement, and the CSU’s overarching mission for social mobility, equity, and collaboration, showcasing a commitment to student success and a vision for the CSU’s future.

2:15 p.m.
**Committee on Collective Bargaining**
**Agenda, Video**

Trustee Steinhauser chaired the Committee on Collective Bargaining. The committee swiftly moved through the consent agenda consisting of seven items, with Trustee Steinhauser seeking input on separating items for discussion but receiving no requests. Consequently, the consent agenda was promptly approved without
objections. Trustee Steinhauser concluded the meeting, signaling the session's brevity, centered on approving agenda items without further discussion or objections from the committee members.

2:20 p.m.
Committee on Educational Policy

Agenda, Video

Trustee Arambula chaired the Committee on Educational Policy. The committee approved the minutes and discussed two information items. “Implementation of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021” was presented by Deputy Vice Chancellor Nathan Evans, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Laura Massa and ASCSU Chair Beth Steffel. The implementation of the STAR Act of 2021, also known as Assembly Bill 928, seeks to simplify the transfer pathway for California community college students who intend to transfer to both the CSU and UC systems. It involves creating a single lower-division general education pattern called the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) to streamline the transfer process.

The presentation included a comparison between the current CSU General Education Breadth requirements and the proposed Cal-GETC pattern. Notably, the Cal-GETC pattern would require five fewer units, offering greater flexibility to students planning their degrees.

Taylor Thomas, a transfer student at CSU Bakersfield, shared her personal experience during the meeting. She emphasized the need for a more streamlined transfer process, detailing her challenges and the impact on her academic journey and personal life. Her testimony highlighted the importance of simplifying the transfer process for students like her.

The discussion showed a clear commitment to center equity and success while implementing these changes. The Board acknowledged that the timeline for potential Title 5 amendments related to admissions and general education frameworks is crucial, with an information item planned for January and an action item scheduled for March.

In summary, the Board and various stakeholders are actively working together to enhance the transfer experience for California students, focusing on equity, simplicity, and success.

Trustee McGrory raised several points, including concerns about the complexity of the proposed changes, the high number of General Education (GE) requirements in the current system, and the need for enhanced civic education within the CSU system. He highlighted that reducing the required GE courses could give students more flexibility in their academic journeys, especially for those pursuing demanding majors. Trustee McGrory emphasized the importance of creating enlightened voters and suggested incorporating a civics course into the curriculum to address the lack of understanding about democracy and civics among students. Trustee McGrory encouraged further examination of these issues and proactive steps to find a more balanced approach to GE requirements and improve civic education within the CSU system.

Trustee Kimbell expressed admiration for Taylor’s persistence in pursuing her education despite facing challenges. She inquired about the timeline of Taylor’s community college journey, which began in 2016. Trustee Kimbell sought clarification on the status of transfer pathways between community colleges, UCs, and CSUs. ASCSU Chair Steffel provided information about the associate degree for transfer, highlighting that it currently serves as a pathway to CSUs while UCs still need to adopt it fully. She mentioned legislation encouraging UCs to accept ADTs and a pilot program at UCLA for accepting ADTs. Trustee Kimbell wanted more significant progress in simplifying transfer pathways and thanked Taylor for her input.

Trustee Rodriguez thanked Taylor for sharing her story as a fellow transfer student. She highlighted the importance of having accessible pathways for transfer students and asked the team about the data
regarding the 177,000 individuals who applied but did not enroll. She inquired if there was information on why those students didn't register. In response, the team explained that they analyze data for admitted and non-admitted applicants. They mentioned that some applicants may still need to meet the unit requirements for transfer, and others may have chosen to enroll at a community college or a different institution. They also conduct surveys with admitted students who declined offers to gather more information, including factors like financial aid packages and program availability. The team examines common patterns to understand better why students choose not to enroll at CSU campuses.

Trustee Yee-Melichar expressed appreciation for the team presentation and emphasized the importance of AB 928 and Cal-GETC as the Common Singular Transfer Pathway in streamlining the transfer process. She noted concerns raised by the Academic Senate CSU about the impact on first-year CSU students and the autonomy of CSU campuses in curriculum design. Trustee Yee-Melichar posed three critical questions for team consideration.

Firstly, Trustee Yee-Melichar asked how a balance would be struck between standardization and consistency in general education pathways while maintaining the individuality and autonomy of each CSU campus in curriculum design. DVC Evans emphasized that AB 928 would not alter campus autonomy in curriculum design and stressed the need for holistic discussions about its implications. Secondly, Trustee Yee-Melichar inquired about supporting meaningful faculty, staff, and student involvement in policy development and implementation. DVC Evans stressed the importance of engagement from multiple stakeholders in addressing the legislation's impact. Lastly, she questioned how Cal-GETC would align with academic requirements for transfer admission to CSU and UC systems and how changes to Title 5 would be effectively implemented. Interim AVC Massa acknowledged the need for clarity in language and pledged to address concerns about transfer eligibility requirements.

Trustee Faigin expressed a sense of irony in the complexity of AB 928 and Cal-GETC, highlighting the importance of maintaining a commitment to General Education (GE) courses. He shared a personal anecdote about how GE courses led him to pursue a philosophy major. Trustee Faigin then asked about the differences between CSU GE Breadth (39 units) and Cal-GETC (34 units), seeking clarification on whether there would be separate systems for students entering as freshmen and those transferring after two years. He emphasized the need to avoid a fragmented approach and maintain clarity. Additionally, Trustee Faigin commented on the significance of GE courses and their role in fostering critical thinking. He also briefly discussed previous debates on GE course reductions and the importance of good Civics courses.

A follow-up question inquired about the total GE requirements, to which it was clarified that the CSU GE Breadth consists of 39 lower division units and nine upper division units, totaling 48 units. The conversation also touched upon Trustee Eisen's earlier recommendations and the status of the proposal submitted by the CSU GE Task Force.

Trustee Lopez acknowledged the complexity of AB 928 and Cal-GETC, emphasizing the need to identify and address pain points early in the process. She mentioned the history of previous attempts to streamline the transfer process and stressed the importance of focusing on implementation to make Cal-GETC a standardized and effective policy across all 23 CSU universities, regardless of regional differences. She highlighted the goal of fulfilling the promise of a smoother transfer process for all students.

Trustee Gilbert-Lurie questioned the potential impact of the unified approach on diminishing transfer students in the CSU system. She also commented on the importance of infusing education about prejudice, collaboration, and empathy into the curriculum, emphasizing the need for students to develop these skills for addressing existential problems. Trustee Gilbert-Lurie expressed her hope for incorporating these values into the curriculum for transfer students. In response, Chancellor García acknowledged the importance of these values and suggested that the unified approach and clearer transfer pathways positively affect the
transfer pipeline, providing students with a more straightforward path to transfer and potentially increasing efficiency and completion rates.

Trustee Clark appreciated the conversation and found it extremely useful. He expressed the importance of having detailed information and reasoning when the item is returned to the Board, emphasizing the need to understand how potential pain points are resolved and how the implementation will work. He also commended Taylor’s inspirational comments during the discussion.

Chair Fong appreciated the comments made by her Trustee colleagues and shared her concern about potentially having two different credit requirements (Cal-GETC and CSU GE Breadth) and the need for clarity on why both are being adopted. She asked for a presentation in January that would provide reasons for adopting Cal-GETC and address the possibility of combining the two programs. She also emphasized the importance of including all stakeholders in the decision-making process. Chair Fong thanked Taylor for sharing her story and commended her perseverance. Finally, she thanked ASCSU Chair Steffel for her participation and the CSU team for their work, wishing everyone a happy Veterans Day.

The committee then reflected on the recent Graduation Initiative 2025 Symposium held at San Diego State University, which brought together various stakeholders, including faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees. The Symposium aimed to address the goals set almost a decade ago under the Graduation Initiative and plan for the next ten years.

Several key points were discussed during the presentation on the “Graduation Initiative 2025 and Student Success” by Chancellor Garcia, Deputy Vice Chancellor Dilcie Perez, and Associate Vice Chancellor Jennifer Baszile. Firstly, there has been significant progress in graduation rates within the CSU. The four-year graduation rate for first-time students has risen to 35%, a marked improvement from the 19% rate at the initiative's start. Similarly, the six-year graduation rate for these students is now 62%, although more progress is needed to reach the goal of 70%. However, there remain challenges in achieving graduation goals for Community College transfer students, with a two-year graduation rate of 41% and a slight decrease in the four-year graduation rate for transfer students to 79%, while the goal is 85%.

Equity gaps in graduation rates were another focal point. These gaps persist, with a 12-percentage point gap for Pell Grant recipient students and a 13-percentage point gap for historically underserved students, including black, Latinx, and American Indian students. When disaggregated by race and ethnicity, there are even wider disparities in graduation rates.

The presentation also acknowledged the challenges faced by students due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including disrupted learning, limited social interaction, and financial hardships. Enrollment declines and changing student attitudes toward higher education have further complicated the landscape. However, these challenges also present opportunities for the CSU to reimagine its approach to student success.

The CSU proposed a year of strategic engagement and consultation with stakeholders to address these issues and shape the future of Student Success and Equity work. This includes consultations with campus Student Success and Equity teams to refine the preliminary vision. The goal is to have a clarified vision by June 2024, followed by introducing the Student Success framework.

Chancellor García expressed gratitude for the inspiring event and highlighted the challenges faced by K-12 students due to the pandemic. She emphasized the urgency of the CSU’s work, with the nation’s vitality depending on higher education’s role in preparing students for the workforce and society. Chancellor Garcia called for immediate action to support current students, accelerate progress toward GI 2025 goals, and uphold equity as the highest priority. She emphasized the importance of a year of engagement with all stakeholders to shape future efforts, break down silos, use data for improvement, and transform campus cultures.
Interim AVC Massa expressed her excitement and readiness to serve as the CSU prepares to lead in Student Success, equity, and access. She thanked and acknowledged Dr. Jeff Gold’s departure at the end of the year, recognizing his significant contributions to advocating for equitable education and using data for actionable insights.

In his concluding remarks, Trustee Arambula expressed his excitement about the work being done to improve Student Success and equity. He highlighted the importance of finding innovative ways to help students recognize and realize their potential, acknowledging both the progress made and the urgency to do more. He mentioned his enthusiasm for the collaborative nature of the Student Success framework and emphasized the need for the Board to stay actively engaged in the process. He also noted the importance of identifying effective practices across the 23 campuses and encouraging their adoption.

Trustee Rodriguez expressed gratitude for the efforts of the university presidents and their teams in advancing Student Success. She mentioned her pride in the students who persisted despite challenges and commended their hard work. She also emphasized the need for continued innovation and leadership within the CSU system. She suggested enhancing collaborative synergy, meeting students where they are, and addressing changing demographics, including adult learners.

Trustee Steinhauser added his appreciation for the students’ determination and hard work in achieving graduation. He highlighted the importance of reaching out to a diverse range of learners, including older adults returning to education. He suggested engaging with alumni, community stakeholders, and businesses to encourage lifelong learning.

Chair Fong concluded the discussion by thanking the team for their presentation and emphasizing the significance of closing equity gaps. She referred to it as a civil rights and economic issue and expressed confidence that the CSU system can significantly impact this area. She also extended best wishes to Dr. Jeff Gold, who was leaving the CSU.

3:45 p.m.
Joint Committee on Educational Policy and Finance Agenda, Video

A motion to approve the consent agenda without discussion passed. The meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Trustee Steinhauser opened the session, emphasizing the importance of financial aid policies in ensuring equitable access to higher education. DVC Evans presented an overview of the Chancellor’s Strategic Workgroup on Financial Aid and activities related to financial aid policy. He highlighted the guiding principles, including affordability, aligning financial aid with CSU priorities, and addressing fairness and equity.

Trustee Lopez emphasized the importance of financial aid at CSU and its role in making education affordable. They pointed out that most students who applied for financial assistance received grants to cover all or part of their tuition, making CSU financially accessible to many. They stressed that tuition does not make education unaffordable, but rather other costs such as housing and food expenses.

The critical challenge discussed was how to fund these additional costs associated with attending college, primarily housing and food. Trustee Lopez highlighted that the workgroup focuses on the cost of attendance and how financial aid packages can address these costs. They acknowledged the need to balance ensuring tuition coverage and managing other expenses. Trustee Lopez also mentioned the impact of changes in Cal Grant reform, highlighting both positive and negative aspects. While the reform simplifies the Cal Grant program and expands its coverage to community college students, it also raises concerns about the eligibility of transfer students for Cal Grants, potentially shifting the cost burden to the CSU.
4:15 p.m.
Committee on Audit
Agenda, Video

The Committee on Audit meeting, chaired by Trustee Rodriguez, commences with considering the consent agenda, which was approved without any objections. The committee then discussed an information item presented by Vlad Marinescu, Vice Chancellor and Chief Audit Officer, focusing on the status report on Audit and Advisory Services activities for the fiscal year 2022-2023. VC Marinescu detailed the completion of 52 assurance audits covering diverse topics like information security, student health services, executive travel, and hospitality. He emphasized the continuous effort to ensure that corrective actions from audit recommendations were being implemented, with more than half already in progress.

The report also highlighted the strategic emphasis on value-based auditing, going beyond traditional assurance reviews to improve the organization. VC Marinescu discussed systemwide themes of audit reviews, including Athletics Fiscal Administration, Training Compliance, and Auxiliary Organizations. These reviews identified areas for improvement, such as budgeting processes for athletic programs and training compliance procedures. Additionally, incorporating data analytics in audits was outlined, showcasing increased efficiency and quality in audit procedures.

Following this, VC Marinescu presented proposed revisions to the Audit and Advisory Services Charter, stressing the alignment with Institute of Internal Auditor standards. The changes aimed to clarify independence, emphasize adherence to state law and Board of Trustees policies and enhance communication processes between campuses and audit services. He also proposed updates to the Audit Committee Charter, aligning it with the Audit and Advisory Services Charter and ensuring consistency in oversight duties.

Throughout the meeting, Trustee Rodriguez and other Board members expressed appreciation for the diligent work of the Audit and Advisory Services team. They acknowledged the importance of collaboration and continuous improvement. Both items presented—revisions to the charter and the status report—were approved after discussions and a vote.

The meeting concluded with gratitude from several trustees for the educational opportunity afforded by serving on the committee, acknowledging the valuable insights gained into various campus operations and the commitment shown by the audit team. Trustees Firstenberg, Yee-Melichar and others lauded VC Marinescu for his work, expressing gratitude to conclude the session.

5:15 p.m.
SF State Video
Video

During the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees meeting, a video highlighting San Francisco State University (SF State) was presented. The video emphasizes SF State’s commitment to equity, community inclusion, and the transformative impact of higher education. SF State, established in 1899, aims to empower every student to pursue their educational aspirations through an inclusive campus environment, distinguished faculty, and support services.

The video features testimonials from diverse SF State students, showcasing their experiences and the university’s impact on their lives. A student engaged in biology and biotechnology research highlighted the opportunities SF State provides, including access to biotech startups and research fellowships from innovative institutions like Genentech. The student also emphasized how SF State nurtured their passion and readiness for graduate school.
In conclusion, Trustee Lopez emphasized the complexity of the decisions ahead and the need to align financial aid with CSU’s affordability mission. They discussed the importance of understanding the trade-offs involved in different financial aid options and how every choice has an opportunity cost. Additionally, Trustee Lopez raised concerns about the potential financial burden on the CSU for transfer students’ tuition costs and the need for policy discussions on this matter.

Trustee Adamson inquired whether these principles would be presented as a complete package or if they would be brought to the Board separately. Trustee Lopez clarified that the guiding principles had already been adopted as part of the tuition policy, and they are working on modeling the implications of following those principles. They will present the Board with recommendations based on maximizing state and federal aid, allocating SUG funds, and addressing opportunity costs related to their choices.

Trustee Yee-Melichar asked questions and commented on financial aid and scholarship distribution. Her first question was about the distribution of State University Grant (SUG) Program funding based on campus location and cost of living expenses. She inquired if there had been discussions about addressing cost variations due to geographic location in the new policy being developed. The response indicated that there have been discussions about standardizing cost of attendance calculations across all CSU campuses to ensure consistency, addressing geographic cost variations.

Trustee Yee-Melichar’s second question pertained to student scholarship awards and their impact on financial aid status. She sought clarification on how scholarships could be awarded without negatively affecting a student's eligibility for financial aid. Trustee Lopez mentioned that a recent California law prevents scholarships from reducing a student's eligibility for other financial assistance, ensuring that scholarships can supplement a student's funding without displacing existing financial aid awards. These questions help to highlight the importance of addressing geographic cost variations and ensuring fair scholarship distribution without impacting financial assistance status.

Trustee Clark expressed deep gratitude for the presentation and acknowledged Trustee Adamson’s questions regarding Cal Grant reform. He emphasized that the Board’s role is to make value-based decisions when dealing with limited resources and that this topic lies at the core of the Board’s responsibilities. Trustee Clark highlighted the importance of having a thorough discussion within the Board to arrive at decisions that reflect their collective expertise and values.

Trustee Gilbert-Lurie appreciated Trustee Lopez’s presentation and noted that it’s essential to have clear information about the trade-offs and opportunity costs involved in decision-making. She asked if part of the spirit of this discussion was to look at advocacy opportunities to expand programs like Cal Grants and Pell Grants. Trustee Lopez responded that it is the CSU’s stated position to advocate for expanding Pell Grants. Regarding Cal Grants, while it has been discussed, it may require legislation. Trustee Lopez emphasized the importance of being informed advocates for more grant funding without needing to be experts in the tax code.

Finally, Trustee Aguilar Cruz focused on the navigation and accessibility for students regarding financial aid, particularly in light of AB 288. She inquired about how the CSU plans to help financial aid offices navigate these changes and how students will be informed about their financial aid options. DVC Evans assured that they emphasize the importance of training financial aid teams and communicating clearly to students and families.

In conclusion, the CSU Board of Trustees meeting provided insights into the ongoing efforts to develop a comprehensive financial aid policy that aligns with CSU’s mission and goals while ensuring affordability and equity for all students. The discussion highlighted the complexity of these issues and the commitment to finding solutions that benefit CSU students.
Another student shared personal experiences of feeling different and the importance of the student community, faculty, and staff in fostering compassion and respect. The student acknowledged SF State's legacy, referencing the 1960s student-led strike, the establishment of the first college of ethnic studies in the U.S., and the university's emphasis on advocacy and student empowerment.

A student passionate about astrophysics and aerospace engineering discussed a project involving an eco-friendly mobile home to test resilient materials in extreme conditions. The support and care received from SF State's faculty and staff were highlighted as instrumental in the student's professional growth and learning experiences.

Additionally, the segment showcased a student interested in marketing and public relations who found SF State's Communication Studies department and campus environment welcoming. The student emphasized the sense of belonging and community fostered by the university, mentioning programs like EOP (Educational Opportunity Program) and campus associations that contribute to a supportive environment.

Overall, the video encapsulated SF State's role as a regional hub driving innovation, change, and inclusivity, producing graduates who embody the San Francisco Bay Area’s forward-thinking culture. CSU Board of Trustees Chair Fong thanked SF State for presenting a compelling portrayal of their university, and recessed the meeting for the day.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

8:00 a.m.
Committee on University and Faculty Personnel
Agenda, Video

The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel meeting, chaired by Trustee Adamson, approved the consent agenda without any objections. The committee then approved one action item and discussed several information items. During the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel session, Vice Chancellor Leora Friedman presents a detailed report on the progress of implementing civil rights programs and services within the university system. She discusses the creation of a new division focusing on civil rights, its structure, staffing, and the challenges encountered in building this infrastructure. VC Friedman acknowledges the scarcity of qualified professionals in civil rights and the need for collaboration among different universities to share expertise.

Several Trustees express appreciation for the comprehensive report and commend VC Friedman for handling the complex matter efficiently. They also highlight the necessity of resource allocation, emphasizing the need for adequate funding, collaboration among educational systems, and creative solutions like growing internal talent pools to address staff shortages. Additionally, they stress the importance of effective communication with students, faculty, staff and the legislature to ensure transparency and progress updates.

Throughout the discussion, the speakers emphasize the need for patience, understanding, and ongoing support for the implementation teams working on these initiatives. They underscore the significance of compliance and fostering a culture of accountability and respect within the university system. Trustee Kimble expresses optimism about the work ahead but cautions that the process will require time, dedication, and perseverance.

The oversight committee, composed of trustees, presidents, academic senate representatives, and administrators, is highlighted to ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation process. Overall, the speakers are committed to the initiative, acknowledging its complexities and emphasizing the
importance of a collaborative, patient, and transparent approach to effectively implement and enforce civil rights programs across the university system.

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Governmental Relations
Agenda, Video

The Committee on Governmental Relations meeting was convened by Vice Chair Clark. The committee approved the meeting minutes, gathered to discuss the state legislative update and considered endorsing the Fresno County ballot initiative, Measure E.

Executive Vice Chancellor Steve Relyea introduced the Fresno County ballot initiative, Measure E, explaining that it aimed to implement a quarter-cent sales tax in Fresno County, with the proceeds directed towards Fresno State. President Sandoval detailed how Measure E would impact Fresno State, emphasizing its potential to transform the university, promote affordability, and enhance infrastructure. The measure would raise an estimated $56 million annually, totaling $1.4 billion over 25 years, exclusively for Fresno State. Funds would support student success, academic projects, deferred maintenance, and infrastructure improvements.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Nathan Dietrich provided specifics on Measure E’s logistics, highlighting the oversight committee’s role in allocating funds and ensuring transparency. The presentation emphasized that the funds from the measure would be dedicated to capital projects and scholarships for low-income students and veterans.

During the meeting, various individuals spoke. During the discussion, committee members strongly supported the measure, highlighting its potential to uplift marginalized communities and transform the region’s economy. They praised Fresno State’s role in the community and its impact on the lives of students from marginalized backgrounds.

Trustee Kimbell commented, emphasizing the importance of a clear legislative agenda for financial aid. This was supported by committee members and underlined the significance of financial aid initiatives for the future. Trustee Lopez discussed addressing opposition concerns about regressive sales tax, highlighting its direct benefits for lower-income individuals. Trustee McGrory shared his admiration for the partnership between Fresno State and the local community, offering support for the initiative.

The meeting ended with Vice Chair Clark commending the presentation’s quality and Measure E’s anticipated success. The committee unanimously approved the motion to endorse the Fresno County ballot initiative.

Throughout the meeting, trustees and officials strongly supported Measure E, recognizing its potential to benefit Fresno State and the broader community significantly. They underscored the importance of this initiative in addressing infrastructure needs and promoting accessibility to higher education for marginalized communities in the region.

10:00 a.m.
Committee on Finance
Agenda, Video

A motion to approve the consent agenda passed, and the meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Trustee Lopez moderated the information session on “Annual Systemwide Report on Hate Incidents on Campus” presented by Executive Vice Chancellor Steve Relyea, SJSU President Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President Tomás Morales, SF State Provost Amy Sueyoshi, and Director Melinda Latas. The presentation
started with various speakers addressing hate crimes, prevention efforts, and support mechanisms within the CSU campuses.

The discussion began with Trustee Gilbert-Lurie commending the report and expressing concern about the low number of reported hate crimes compared to the CSU’s vast population. They stressed the need to embed anti-hate and anti-prejudice education into the curriculum.

Trustee McGrory highlighted the need for better-reporting mechanisms beyond federal definitions, suggesting a lower tier of writing for incidents not meeting federal hate crime thresholds but still significant enough to track and address.

Trustee Adamson expressed confidence that the CSU is leading in addressing hate incidents. They sought information about the prosecutions resulting from reported hate crimes, showing concern about the lack of accountability, and hoped for more significant actions to deter such crimes.

Chair Fong appreciated the work of San Francisco State in addressing hate crimes, acknowledging the contributions of organizations like the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism. They highlighted the significance of addressing hate incidents beyond federal definitions and urged further discussion.

Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis raised concerns about hate incidents on campuses, particularly related to anti-Semitism, urging action to combat such hatred and emphasizing the importance of understanding and differentiating anti-Semitism from other forms of hate.

Throughout the discussion, Presidents and Provosts from various campuses detailed proactive approaches to address hate incidents. They highlighted the importance of engagement, proactive planning, collaboration with law enforcement, mental health support, counseling services, open forums, and outreach to affected student groups to provide resources and help.

Additionally, they emphasized embedding social justice, anti-hate, and anti-prejudice education across the curriculum and co-curricular activities. They mentioned existing programs and classes focused on these issues, aiming to educate and support students dealing with trauma or facing hate-related challenges.

The discussion underscored the need for more comprehensive reporting mechanisms, heightened educational efforts, and proactive approaches across CSU campuses to address hate incidents, support affected students and foster a more inclusive and supportive environment. Various speakers emphasized the importance of collaboration, education, and intentionality in combating hate incidents.

10:40 a.m.
Joint Committee on Finance and Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds
Agenda, Video

The Joint Committee on Finance and Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds meeting convened by Trustee McGrory began with the approval of minutes from a prior meeting, hearing no objections. EVC Relyea then commenced the discussion on the approval of a public-private partnership project for residential and retail development at SDSU Mission Valley. He outlined the significance of this project, stating that it aligns with the university’s commitment to providing housing during a regional shortage. President Adela de la Torre emphasized the collaborative effort with Avalon Bay Communities, highlighting the mixed-use development’s inclusion of apartments, a grocery store, restaurants, and parking, which will address the pressing housing needs in the region. Robert Eaton provided insights into the key terms of the agreement, emphasizing the extended 99-year land lease, escalating ground rent structure, and revenue-sharing provisions. The committee, expressing enthusiasm and acknowledging the importance of these initiatives, unanimously approved the project.
Following this, the committee shifted focus to approving an affordable housing project at SDSU Mission Valley. President de la Torre reiterated the university's commitment to affordable housing, highlighting plans for below-market apartments and childcare facilities. AVC Gannoe presented the schematics, emphasizing sustainability measures and a range of amenities to be included in the affordable housing project. Robert Eaton delved into the key terms, detailing the 75-year land lease, funding sources, and annual ground rent calculations. The committee members showed appreciation for the university's efforts to address the region's housing needs and explored strategies to subsidize housing for faculty and graduate students potentially. The committee unanimously approved the affordable housing project, commending SDSU, private developers, and advisory committees' collaborative efforts to address the housing shortage.

Throughout the discussions, committee members, including Trustee McGrory and Vice Chairman Clark, lauded the university's dedication and attention to detail in bringing forth these complex deals. President de la Torre thanked the SDSU Mission Valley team, external consultants, and the Chancellor's oversight and advisory committee for their contributions to these significant projects. The committee acknowledged the importance of these initiatives in setting a precedent for future developments, expressing satisfaction with the thoroughness and collaborative approach evident in SDSU's endeavors.

11:10 a.m.
Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds

The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings, and Grounds discusses two main projects: 1) the California State University Fresno Affordable Student Housing Schematic Design Approval, and 2) the San Diego State University Imperial Valley Broly Science Building Project Schematic Design Approval.

Chair McGrory opened the meeting, and several speakers presented, including EVC Relyea, President Jiménez-Sandoval, VP Adishian-Astone, President de la Torre, and AVC Gannoe. EVC Relyea introduced the California State University Fresno Affordable Student Housing project. VP Adishian-Astone elaborated on the need for affordable housing to support students, particularly those from low-income backgrounds. She highlighted Fresno State's limited on-campus housing capacity and the importance of this project in meeting student demand.

Details regarding Fresno State's housing statistics, the need for additional affordable housing, and the project's design were discussed. The project aimed to provide 228 new bed spaces, meeting sustainability guidelines while ensuring cost-effectiveness and maximizing operational efficiency.

The second project presented was the San Diego State University Imperial Valley Broly Science Building. President de la Torre emphasized the significance of this project in providing STEM education opportunities in the Imperial Valley region, particularly in the field of alternative energy sciences. AVC Gannoe elaborated on the project's design, site plan, and the challenges faced in construction due to the remote location and nature of the building.

Trustee McGrory highlighted the importance of the project for the region's economic development. They mentioned that the project would be carried out in conjunction with their Calexico campus and expressed positivity about it. Additionally, they noted that the state had provided funding for the project.

Trustee Yee-Melichar, a former biology faculty and lab director expressed support for the project but raised a concern about whether the building's design considered ADA requirements to prevent the need for retrofitting in the future. This may be a concern for faculty, staff and students with disabilities needing physical lab equipment/space accommodations.
Trustee Adamson shared their initial apprehensions regarding the project's cost. However, they mentioned that after discussions with the project's team, they understood that the site had not been developed previously, leading to increased costs due to utility and sewer installations. They also praised the use of concrete tilt-up construction as a cost-effective choice.

President de la Torre expressed gratitude to everyone involved in the project and recognized its significance in providing access to education in Imperial County and expanding opportunities for various job sectors. She emphasized the historical context of the region, highlighting years of neglect. They stressed the psychological importance of the project for the community, extending beyond economic development.

Chair Fong thanked Trustees McGrory and Adamson for their service on the construction cost committee and praised the quality of the presentation.

Trustee Kimbell recommended visiting the Imperial Valley campus, emphasizing its unique setting and the deserving nature of the students studying there. She expressed strong support for the project, understanding the necessity of the building's cost due to its proximity to the Salton Sea and the potential opportunities it could bring to the region.

Ultimately, the committee moved forward with the approval of both projects, acknowledging the challenges and the significance of these endeavors in expanding educational opportunities and supporting regional development.

11:40 a.m.
Plenary Session Day 2
Agenda, Video

The California State University Board of Trustees convened under the able leadership of Chair Wenda Fong, recognizing Dr. Leory Morishita’s retirement, and spotlighting CSU San Marcos’ achievements in a video presentation (see below). The Board swiftly approved the Consent Agenda, setting the stage for honoring two remarkable women—Billie Jean King and Lynnette Zelezny.

Billie Jean King, an iconic athlete and advocate, was commended for her extraordinary contributions. Chancellor García and Trustee Firstenberg praised Billie Jean King's impact, accompanied by a heartfelt video message from Billie Jean King herself, expressing gratitude for the recognition and celebrating CSU's commitment to education and diversity.

In a similarly celebratory tone, Lynnette Zelezny received recognition for her transformative leadership at CSU Bakersfield, earning the title of President Emerita unanimously from the board. President Lynnette Zelezny, visibly touched, expressed deep appreciation for her near-50-year career within the CSU system and its meaningful impact on the Central Valley and its students.

Chair Fong closed the meeting, expressing gratitude and outlining the schedule for future Board sessions. Throughout the gathering, the focus remained on CSU’s core values of student success, diversity, and academic excellence, echoed through the remarkable achievements of the honorees and their lasting legacies.

11:55 a.m.
CSUSM Video
Video
The video introduction was delivered by an unidentified presenter, expressing excitement about featuring CSU San Marcos as a beacon of progress in the region. The Northern San Diego County university was presented as a powerhouse of higher education, focusing on student success. Notably, it's a federally designated Minority Serving Institution (MSI) with over half its first-generation students and a significant population of military-affiliated students.

The video emphasized CSUSM's commitment to social mobility, noting its status as the number one ranked university in the nation in this aspect. The university collaborates with partners to ensure college exposure for students through programs like The Alliance Program, opening doors for those who might not otherwise consider higher education. The significance of showing up and providing additional support to those who need it was highlighted, aiming for a thriving community.

Dr. Ray Malfavon-Borja, a first-generation undergraduate turned mentor at the Center for Training, Research, and Educational Excellence, shared his journey from being a CSUSM student to mentoring underrepresented students in the Sciences. He emphasized the importance of relatability, as he and his colleagues are also first-generation academic professionals, creating a strong connection with students.

A recent graduate, Sophia Lombardi, exemplified CSUSM's focus on practical skills by starting her sustainable swimsuit business during her undergraduate studies. Her success in winning the University's Quick Pitch competition and leading a socially responsible fashion brand showcased the real-world experiences CSUSM offers its students.

The video further highlighted Mariposa Rodarte-Iman, a first-generation student excelling in the engineering program, emphasizing CSUSM's dedication to addressing critical workforce needs and fostering diversity in STEM fields. The university's commitment to the future, particularly with establishing the engineering program in 2019 and the upcoming Integrated Science and Engineering Building, demonstrates its dedication to innovation, social justice, and the transformative impact it aims to have on the region.

The video concluded with a message about CSUSM's role as a beacon of promise and possibility, emphasizing the institution's dedication to its students' success and the community's development.

**Brief Queries or Requests for Feedback**

Based on what I have shared with you above (links to the specific meeting materials and videos; brief summaries using ChatGPT with technical assistance provided by SF State Academic Technology and in concurrence with my personal meeting notes), I would like to pose some brief queries or requests for feedback. I invite and look forward to any comments and/or questions that you may wish to share with me on the following items. Please email me at dyee@calstate.edu; thank you for your kind consideration.

1. I have been appointed to four Board of Trustees Standing Committees; these include Audit; Campus Planning, Buildings, Grounds; Educational Policy; and Finance. Do you, your ASCSU standing committee and/or your campus senate have any concerns/items that you would like to bring to my attention at this time? I would especially like to hear about your campus feedback on the above Board meeting items related to these four standing committee assignments.

2. The ASCSU has weighed in on state legislative bills through prior resolutions including:
   - [2023 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITIONS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (ASCSU)]
   - [2022 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITIONS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (ASCSU)]
Do you, your ASCSU standing committee and/or your campus senate have any feedback regarding the CSU State Legislative Update – End of Session Legislative Summary? Do you have specific legislative bills that are of concern and/or of interest to you?

3. The next regular meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees will be on 1/29-31/2024. The ASCSU is not meeting the week immediately before this Board meeting, and the Board agenda and materials are not yet available. Consequently, I would like to propose some items that you, your ASCSU standing committee and/or your campus senate may wish to consider:

*Note:* I suggest ASCSU committee(s) that may be interested in considering these items given its committee charge and responsibilities.

**Academic Affairs**
- GI 2025 and Student Success
- Implementation of AB 928
- Free courses and certificates – loss leader pricing strategy to promote programs/enhance enrollments?
- Online Education – UC take another look at online education

**Academic Preparation and Educational Programs**
- GI 2025 and Student Success
- Implementation of AB 928
- The misguided war on the SAT - do standardized tests hurt diversity? Colleges have fled standardized tests, on the theory that they hurt diversity. That's not what the research shows ...

**Faculty Affairs**
- Academic integrity and AI writing policy – Perhaps follow-up on ASCSU resolutions:
  - AS-3610-23/AA/FA (Rev) “RENEWING THE CALL FOR A WORKING GROUP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN HIGHER EDUCATION”
- Annual Systemwide Report on Hate Incidents on Campus
- Update on Civil Rights (Title IX and other Nondiscrimination) Programs and Services

**Fiscal and Governmental Affairs**
- GI 2025 and Student Success
- Implementation of AB 928
- Chancellor’s Strategic Workgroup on Financial Aid
- State Legislative Budget Advocacy

**Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**
- GI 2025 and Student Success
- Implementation of AB 928
- The misguided war on the SAT - do standardized tests hurt diversity?
- Annual Systemwide Report on Hate Incidents on Campus
- Update on Civil Rights (Title IX and other Nondiscrimination) Programs and Services

4. I want to get to know each of you through your standing committees, during meal breaks, through campus visits, during system events, and much more.

Please consider the Listen and Learn schedule (see my earlier emails with the attached excel sheet) and indicate one or more ways we might meet. I look forward to learning from you and your campus constituents. Thank you for your commitment to higher education and the CSU!

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Legislative Specialist Report to the Executive Committee of the
Academic Senate of the California State University

January 15, 2024

Prepared by Legislative Specialists J. DeShazo, C.D. Isakson, and Jerald Schutte

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California State Budget | prepared by Jerald Schutte

The draft 2024-25 California State Budget was put forth on January 10, 2024. Although the state received over $100 Billion in excess revenues last year, the “State Allocation Limit” (SAL) limited what could be held in state reserves and what had to be returned to taxpayers. In part, because of that (at least as suggested in the Governor’s cover letter to the budget), we are experiencing a $68 Billion deficit this year. While it is not the purpose of this summary to discuss why that happened or how to correct it, suffice it to say that higher education, like other segments, is receiving no increases in general fund moneys and no one-time money this year. While last year, the only increase in general funds came from the 5% compact payment supplement, leaving the CSU over $300 million short of the Trustee’s request that year, the Governor is now “deferring” the 5% compact payment altogether this year, instead deferring it until the 2025-26 budget. Therefore, what was an integral part of our budget planning for 2024-25 is now a $240.2 million hole in our budget. As a result, the general fund allocation to the CSU is $4.989 billion, equivalent to the allocation from last year (See the table below).

While the implication is that the deferred allocation will be accounted for in the 2025-26, two constraints may prevent that. First, it is becoming clear that we will have declines in income for the state next year, as well. Therefore, if the state cannot afford it this year, they will not afford it next year. Moreover, if the state could pledge to repay next year (thus allowing the LAO suggestion of borrowing against that pledge), that would be infeasible, if not impossible. First, California’s Legislature cannot bind future legislatures as to budget commitments. Therefore, it would be impossible to “force” such a guarantee. Second, there is no “guarantee” the state will pay it anyway as it is subject to conditions of income and expense next year.

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Interestingly, while the department of Finance and the Governor’s office “estimate” the CSU expenses will be the same for 2024-5 as for 2023-4. It is interesting to note that the state estimate and our budget ask are vastly different. While the student tuition increases voted on last year will bring $148 million in additional revenue, the $395 million of income that was to come from state general funds, in the ask for 2024-25, is no longer there for this year, including the $240.2 million compact payment.

Comparing that to the intended uses of that $557 million budgeted for 2024-25, it is obvious that the largest segment ($221 million for salary adjustments) is not now available through any income sources. This will have consequences for the labor negotiations and other programs for which this money was intended. This, of course, comes at a time when salary negotiations have come to an impasse and the faculty are staging a 23-campus work stoppage (strike) from January 22 through January 26, asking for a 12% retroactive salary increase. Suffice it to say that under any set of assumptions, CSU is in for a challenging year, financially.
FAFSA update

- The DoE soft launched the FAFSA application on Dec. 30, 2023. The application was delayed due to updates. The application is usually available on October 1st.
- There have been some difficulties for applicants as a result of the soft launch, which is expected to last a month.
  - Available for limited amounts of time due to “maintenance pauses.”
  - The website doesn’t have the capacity to service the volume of users trying to complete the application.
  - Intermittent availability has locked students out who are in the process of completing the form. Some people report information they enter is not saved, and others report their entire application is erased, forcing them to start over. Some applicants enter a queue waiting long periods to access the application.
- Congress directed the Education Department in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to make a series of specific adjustments to income thresholds for parents, dependents and student parents using updated consumer price index figures, which has been impacted by the recent period of inflation. The adjustments would increase the amount of income shielded from the formula that determines how much students have to pay and the aid they can receive. The DoE did not make these adjustments in time for this application cycle and continues to use consumer price index figures from 2020. DoE is expected to update the Student Aid Index for the 2025-26 application cycle.
  - Why is this important? Some students will receive less financial aid as a result of not updating the Student Aid Index (SAI), a figure used to determine a student’s ability to pay for college and a replacement for the Expected Family Contribution. The higher the SAI, the lower the aid eligibility.

How is the delayed FAFSA application and soft launch impacting our campuses?
*(Information from Noelia Gonzalez, CSU Systemwide Director for Financial Aid Program)*

- State financial aid is determined by the California Student Aid Commission. Once they’ve determined awardees and amounts, they notify the campuses. They use the FAFSA to determine awards.
- University Financial Aid Offices won’t receive the Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR) until sometime in late January or early February.
- The on-time filing date has been adjusted to April 2nd. Campuses will likely issue awards for new students in early/mid April. Continuing and PBAC students will likely be awarded in mid-June (same as previous years).
• If faculty want to help get out information, they can let students know there are issues this month with the FAFSA and encourage students to be patient. A couple of CSU campuses are messaging students to wait until February to begin the application process. In the meantime, students should get their FSA ID and if they are dependents, their parents should also get one. Students should go to their campus FA office if they have any questions/concerns.

**Reminder: Federal Budget Delays Continuing Into 2024**

• Federal Fiscal Year begins on October 1. Federal budget for upcoming fiscal year has not been passed. On November 16, Congress approved **H.R. 6363**, which is another Continuing Resolution. This is a temporary government spending package that funds agencies at their current level. Some agencies are funded until Jan. 19 and others until Feb. 2. The Department of Education is funded until Feb. 2. The different dates reflect a compromise to avoid negotiating a large spending package just before the December-January holidays.

• A positive outcome for higher education would be flat-funding the Department of Education, including Pell Grants.

Federal Legislation

Two new policies have been introduced recently.

**H.R. 6585** Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act would provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to use the Pell Grant for short-term programs, including those offered through distance education, that range in length between either 150 to 600 clock hours or between eight and fifteen weeks.

There are some concerns regarding the current language in the policy. Most of those concerns relate to Section 7. Institutions participating in the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) program would need to provide emergency funding to students out of institutional funds equal to the funding SEOG provides or lose eligibility, which would be an unfunded mandate. Institutions participating in SEOG must maintain or increase the percentage of their undergraduate students receiving Pell grants at or above the institution’s level at the time of the bill’s enactment or lose eligibility, which may not be possible for some institutions to control.

The policy would prohibit any institution subject to the endowment excise tax from participating in the Stafford and PLUS federal student loan programs and would prohibit parents of their students from participating in the Parent PLUS loan program if their child is a Pell recipient. The endowment excise tax is from Section 4968 of the **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act** that introduced a 1.4 percent tax on private university and college endowment income for universities with at least 500 students and endowment assets above $500,000 per student.

Section 3 has mandates for transferring credit, completion rates, student earnings after completion, hiring rates, and controlled tuition based on the value-added earnings of students, which may not be within an institution’s control and/or subject to economic shifts.
H.R. 6792 Public Service Loan Forgiveness Administrative Improvements Act would require an online database of public service employers and integrating it with the Federal Student Aid dashboard. The policy could improve the use of public service loan forgiveness by listing eligible employers, and notifying employers if they are in danger of losing eligibility.
Current Federal Legislation Related to Higher Education  
(Bill number links to text on Congress.gov)

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| S. 546 | Deb Fischer – R (11 co-sponsors, 6 Democrat and 5 Republican) | • titled Recruit and Retain Act  
• expands the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program to support recruitment efforts by law enforcement agencies  
• directing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to award competitive grants to partnerships between law enforcement agencies and educational institutions (e.g., elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education) for recruiting activities, such as for career and job fairs. | • S. 546 passed Senate, currently in House  
• Has bipartisan support, seems likely to pass the House.  
• I included it because I’m not sure if any CSU participates in this program, or may participate in the future.  
• H.R. 3325 is an identical bill. It was referred to the House Committee of the Judiciary. |
| and H.R. 3325 | Wesley Hunt - R (4 cosponsors - 2 Democrat and 2 Republican) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| S. 994 | Gary Peters - D (16 co-sponsors, 10 Democrat and 6 Republican) | • titled Strong Communities Act of 2023  
• allows funds under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program to be used to provide training to officers and recruits who agree to serve in law enforcement agencies in their communities; these trainings can be through higher ed institutions  
• the funds go to law enforcement agencies and not higher ed institutions | • Passed Senate, currently in Introduced in the House (7-27-23)  
• Has bipartisan support, seems likely to pass the House.                                                                                             |
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| H.R. 2811  | Jodey Arrington-R (19 Co-sponsors, all Republican) | • Titled Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023  
• There are many items in this proposal, but (Sec. 211) nullifies certain actions taken by the Department of Education (ED) related to implement a new income-driven repayment plan. It also prohibits ED from implementing new executive actions or rules that are identical or substantially similar to the nullified actions unless the action or rule is expressly authorized by Congress.  
• (Sec. 212) This section limits the authority of ED to propose or issue regulations and executive actions related to federal student-aid programs. The section prohibits ED from issuing such a proposed rule, final regulation, or executive action if ED determines that the rule, regulation, or action (1) is economically significant, and (2) would result in an increase in a subsidy cost resulting from a loan modification. Economically significant refers to a regulation or executive action that is likely to (1) have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more; or (2) adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or state, local, or tribal governments or communities. | • passed House, currently in Senate, but a hearing on it hasn’t been held since May 2023  
• Provisions of this bill were incorporated into other bills. I included only the provisions that I could not find in other bills.  
• It seems this bill may not pass Senate because it may not make it out of the Committee on Budget. It doesn’t have bipartisan support from co-sponsors. |
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| H.R. 3941 | Marcus Molinaro-R (6 co-sponsors, all Republican) | • Titled Schools Not Shelters Act  
• This bill prohibits using the facilities of certain schools that receive federal financial assistance to provide shelter or housing for any non-U.S. national (alien under federal law) who has not been admitted for lawful entry.  
• Specifically, this bill shall apply to the facilities of (1) public elementary or secondary schools, and (2) institutions of higher education.  
• **White House** opposes the policy on the grounds that it interferes with state and local power to govern and to shelter non citizens seeking asylum, which is currently allowed by law | • Introduced in the House on June 9, 2023.  
• May not be passed in Senate, if passed in Senate isn’t likely to be signed by President. |
| S. 2983   |                         |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                         |
| H.R. 3000 | Doggett- D (14 co-sponsors, 8 Democrat and 6 Republican) | • titled the Tax Free Pell Grant Act  
• excludes Pell Grants from gross income calculations for income tax purposes  
• expands the definition of qualified tuition and related expenses under the American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning tax credit to include computer or peripheral equipment (up to a maximum of $1,000), child and dependent care expenses, and course materials. | • Introduced in House April 28, 2023; Referred to Ways and Means Committee |
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| H.R. 3451 and S. 1665 | David Trone - D (12 cosponsors, 9 Democrat and 3 Republican) and Robert Casey - D (12 cosponsors, all Democrat) | - Titled Higher Education Mental Health Act of 2023  
- establish an Advisory Commission on Serving and Supporting Students with Mental Health Disabilities in Institutions of Higher Education, and for other purposes  
- ensures states and institutions of higher education are provided with accurate information on the mental health concerns facing students.  
- provides detailed recommendations that institutions of higher education, States, and the Federal Government can take to improve the mental health services available to students and properly treat the rising number of students with mental health issues. | Introduced in the House May 17, 2023; Referred to House Committee on Education and Workforce |
| H.R. 5685 and S. 2902 | Mark Pocan - D (47 cosponsors, all Democrat) and Parry Murray - D (28 cosponsors, all Democrat) | - Titled Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2023  
- Addresses harassment at institutions of higher education (IHEs).  
- Requires each IHE to include in its annual security report a statement of policy regarding harassment on the basis of a student’s actual or perceived race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth, a medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth, and a sex stereotype), disability, or religion.  
- DoE may award grants to IHEs to initiate, expand, or improve programs to (1) prevent the harassment of students; (2) provide counseling or redress services to students who have been harassed or accused of subjecting other students to harassment; or (3) educate and train students, faculty, or staff to prevent harassment or address harassment if it occurs. | Introduced in the House September 22, 2023 |
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<td>H. Res. 608</td>
<td>Marc Veasey - D (64 cosponsors, all Democrat)</td>
<td>• Resolution recognizing the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in higher education</td>
<td>Introduced in House July 20, 2023 Referred to House Committee on Education and Workforce July 20, 2023</td>
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<td>*H.R. 6585</td>
<td>Elise Stefanik - R (25 cosponsors, 15 Republican, 10 Democrat)</td>
<td>• Title: Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act • to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend Federal Pell Grant eligibility to short-term workforce programs • awards will be called Workforce Pell Grants • same eligibility criteria as Pell Grants except must be enrolled in eligible workforce programs and cannot be enrolled in a post graduate (Master, Doctoral etc.) degree or have attained such a degree • concerns about the offset language in Section 7 that place unfunded mandates on institutions and limit individual choices of recipients.</td>
<td>Introduced December 5, 2023 Committee Mark-up December 12, 2023 Committee Report December 22, 2023</td>
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<td>*H.R. 6792</td>
<td>Brendan Boyle - D (1 cosponsor, Republican)</td>
<td>• Title: PSLF Administrative Improvements Act • to amend the public service loan forgiveness program under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require an online portal with a database of public service employers • improves transparency for public service loan forgiveness by listing eligible employers, notifying those employers if they are in danger of losing their public service designation • database integrated with Federal Student Aid dashboard</td>
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<td>S. 2949</td>
<td>Catherine Cortez Masto (1 cosponsor, Republican)</td>
<td>• To require the Secretary of Defense to complete a data matching agreement with the Secretary of Education in order to ensure individuals who are current or former active-duty military service members or civilian employees and are otherwise eligible for assistance under the public service loan forgiveness program have their periods of employment automatically certified and counted towards the public service loan forgiveness program.</td>
<td>Introduced September 27, 2023; read twice and referred to Committee on Armed Services</td>
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| S. 1092  | Gary Peters- D (3 cosponsors, 2 Republic and 1 Democrat) | • This bill reauthorizes through FY2029 and revises the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) program.  
• The bill also authorizes new grants under the FIPSE program. Specifically, the Department of Education may award grants to institutions of higher education for dual or concurrent enrollment programs or early college high school programs that allow high school students to earn postsecondary credits. | Introduced in Senate March 30, 2023.  
Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
California State Legislature
Legislative Specialist Report 15 January 2024 | C.D. Isakson

The Senate and Assembly are back in session. Bills continue to be introduced. To prepare for the upcoming session, we would like to bring the following dates to your attention (attached also see the January 16th Senate and Assembly Daily Files); January 31st is the last day for each house to pass bills introduced in odd numbered years and February 16th is the last day for bills to be introduced. On March 16th Spring Recess begins upon adjournment. Legislature is back in session on April 1st. In addition to the period before Spring Recess, April 1-16th (perhaps thru the 26th) looks to be a critical time for us to be focusing concentrated advocacy efforts. This month, the Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee will initiate the meticulous review of legislation, identifying bills that align with ASCSU’s areas of advocacy.

Selected Senate and Assembly Standing Committees for the 2023-24 Regular Session (1/16/24)

Selected Standing Committees of the Senate

Appropriations (7)
Portanino (Chair), Jones (Vice Chair)
Ashby, Bradford, Seyarto, Wahab, and Wiener.
Staff Director: Mark McKenzie
Consultants: Ashly Ames, Lenin Del Castillo, Robert Ingenito, Agnes Lee and Janelle Miyashiro
Assistants: Jennifer Douglas and Brianna Diaz
Phone: 916-651-4102 | 1020 N Street, Room 522

Education (7)
Newman (Chair), Ochoa Bogh (Vice Chair)
Cortese, Glazer, McGuire, Smallwood-Cuevas and Wilk
Chief Consultant: Lynn Lorber
Principal Consultants: Ian Johnson and Olgalilia Ramirez. Consultant: Kordell Hampton
Assistants: María Velez and Irma Kam
Phone: (916)651-4105 | 1021 O Street, Room 6740

Selected Standing Committees of the Assembly

Appropriations (16)
Holden (Chair), Sanchez (Vice Chair)
Members: Arambula, Bryan, Calderon, Wendy Carrillo, Megan Dahle, Dixon, Mike Fong, Grayson, Haney, Hart, Lowenthal, Pellerin, Ta, and Villapudua
Chief Consultant: Jay M. Dickenson
Principal Consultants: Annika Carlson, Natasha Collins, Irene Ho, Allegra Kim, Nikita Koraddi, Jennifer Swenson
Secretary: Kala Tailor
Committee Assistant: Kitty Barowitz
Phone: (916) 319-2081 | 1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Higher Education (11)
Mike Fong (Chair), Ta (Vice Chair)
Members: Arambula, Boerner, Chen, Essayli, Irwin, Jackson, Low, Muratsuchi, and Quirk-Silva
Chief Consultant: Jeanice Warden
Principal Consultant: Kevin Powers
Senior Consultant: Ellen Cesaretti-Monroy
Secretary: Kiersten Wall
Phone: (916) 319-3960
Fax: (916) 319-3961 | 1020 N Street, Room 173
SENATE CONvenes AT 2 P.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

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Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services—(4)—Menjivar (Chair), Eggman, Grove and Roth. Phone: (916)651-4103. 1020 N Street, Room 502.

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## BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

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<td>Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).</td>
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<td>Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).</td>
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May 24 —Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).

May 27* —Memorial Day.

May 28 —Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).

June 15 —Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (c)(3)).

June 27 —Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).

July 3 —Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment of session provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

July 4* —Independence Day.

Aug. 5 —Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Aug. 16 —Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(14)).

Aug. 19 - 31 —Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference and Rules committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(15)).

Aug. 23 —Last day to amend on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

Aug. 31 —Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)), (J.R. 61(b)(17)). Final Recess begins upon adjournment of session (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

Sep. 30 —Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor’s possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).

Dec. 2 —12 m. convening of the 2025–26 Regular Session (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

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Jan. 1 —Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

*Holiday schedule subject to Senate Rules Committee approval.
DATES ON WHICH SENATE MEASURES MAY BE HEARD

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JANUARY - AUGUST 2024 SESSION SCHEDULE—Continued

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Tuesday, March 19
Check-in Session

Wednesday, March 20
Check-in Session

Thursday, March 21
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

SPRING RECESS BEGINS UPON
ADJOURNMENT

Friday, March 29
CESAR CHAVEZ DAY OBSERVED

Monday, April 1
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

RECONVENE FROM SPRING RECESS

Tuesday, April 2
Check-in Session

Wednesday, April 3
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Thursday, April 4
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

Monday, April 8
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Thursday, April 25
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

Friday, April 26
LAST DAY FOR POLICY COMMITTEES TO
HEAR AND REPORT FISCAL SENATE BILLS
TO APPROPRIATIONS

Monday, April 29
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30
Check-in Session

Wednesday, May 1
Check-in Session

Thursday, May 2
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

Friday, May 3
LAST DAY FOR POLICY COMMITTEES TO
HEAR AND REPORT TO THE FLOOR
NON-FISCAL SENATE BILLS
MONDAY, MAY 6
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 7
Check-in Session

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
Check-in Session

THURSDAY, MAY 9
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 10
LAST DAY FOR POLICY COMMITTEES TO MEET PRIOR TO MAY 28

MONDAY, MAY 13
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 14
Check-in Session

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
Check-in Session

THURSDAY, MAY 16
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 17
LAST DAY FOR FISCAL COMMITTEES TO HEAR AND REPORT SENATE BILLS TO THE FLOOR

LAST DAY FOR FISCAL COMMITTEES TO MEET PRIOR TO MAY 28

MAY 20 THROUGH MAY 24 - FLOOR SESSION ONLY. NO COMMITTEES, OTHER THAN CONFERENCE OR RULES COMMITTEES, MAY MEET FOR ANY PURPOSE

MONDAY, MAY 20
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 21
Floor Session, 10 a.m.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
Floor Session, 10 a.m.*

THURSDAY, MAY 23
Floor Session, 10 a.m.*

FRIDAY, MAY 24
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

LAST DAY FOR EACH HOUSE TO PASS BILLS INTRODUCED IN THAT HOUSE

MONDAY, MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MAY RESUME

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29
Check-in Session

THURSDAY, MAY 30
Floor Session, 9 a.m.
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LEGISLATURE RECONVENCES

Tuesday, August 6  
Check-in Session

Wednesday, August 7  
Check-in Session

Thursday, August 8  
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

Monday, August 12  
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13  
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Thursday, August 15  
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Friday, August 16  
LAST DAY FOR FISCAL COMMITTEES TO MEET AND REPORT BILLS TO THE FLOOR

AUGUST 19 THROUGH AUGUST 31 - FLOOR SESSION ONLY. NO COMMITTEES, OTHER THAN THE CONFERENCE OR RULES COMMITTEES, MAY MEET FOR ANY PURPOSE

Monday, August 19  
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20  
Floor Session, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, August 21  
Floor Session, 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 22  
Floor Session, 10 a.m.

Friday, August 23  
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

LAST DAY TO AMEND BILLS ON THE FLOOR

Monday, August 26  
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 27  
Floor Session, 10 a.m.*

Wednesday, August 28  
Floor Session, 10 a.m.*

Thursday, August 29  
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LAST DAY TO REMOVE BILLS FROM THE INACTIVE FILE

Friday, August 30  
Floor Session, 10 a.m.*

Saturday, August 31  
Floor Session, 9 a.m.*

LAST DAY FOR EACH HOUSE TO PASS BILLS

FINAL RECESS BEGINS UPON ADJOURNMENT

* Dependent upon condition of the file.
COMMITTEE HEARINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

APPROPRIATIONS
PORTANTINO, Chair
11:30 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 2200

(TELEVISED)

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

MEASURES TO BE HEARD IN FILE ORDER

S.B. No. 26 Umberg. Mental health professions: CARE Scholarship Program.
S.B. No. 230 Seyarto. Income tax: health savings accounts. (Tax Levy)
S.B. No. 294 Wiener. Health care coverage: independent medical review.
S.B. No. 533 Limón. Income taxes: credit: childcare. (Tax Levy)
S.B. No. 559 Min. Offshore oil drilling: leases.
S.B. No. 691 Portantino. State Board of Education: student members.
S.B. No. 733 Glazer. Solitary confinement.
S.B. No. 764 Padilla. Minors: online platforms.

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JOINT HEARING
SENATE EDUCATION AND ASSEMBLY EDUCATION
SENATOR NEWMAN AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI, Chairs
9 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 2100

JOINT HEARING CANCELED

EDUCATION
NEWMAN, Chair
9 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 1200
(TELEVISED)

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING
SUBJECT: Presentation by the California Association of Student Councils
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

APPROPRIATIONS

PORTANTINO, Chair
Upon adjournment of Session
1021 O Street, Room 2200

(TELEVISED)

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

SUSPENSE - FOR VOTE ONLY - AUTHORS NEED NOT BE PRESENT

S.B. No. 7 Blakespear. The Homeless Housing Obligation Act.
S.B. No. 37 Caballero. Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act.
S.B. No. 85 Wiener. Immigration: case management and social services.
S.B. No. 581 Caballero. Third-party litigation financing.
S.B. No. 719 Becker. Law enforcement agencies: radio communications.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW
SKINNER, Chair
1:30 p.m.
1021 O Street, Room 1200

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

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INFORMATIONAL HEARING
SUBJECT:  Overview of the Governor’s 2024–25 Proposed Budget

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

INSURANCE
RUBIO, Chair
1:30 p.m.
1021 O Street, Room 2100

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

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OVERSIGHT HEARING
SUBJECT:  California Department of Insurance: Sustainable Insurance Strategy
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

JOINT HEARING
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW
SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2 ON RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY
ALLEN AND BECKER, Chairs
9 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 2100

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

SUBJECT: Cap and Trade Rulemaking
S.B. No. 827—Glazer.
An act relating to transportation.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 17—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 21—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.
Mar. 1—Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and JUD.
Mar. 21—Set for hearing April 11.

2024
Jan. 3—Set for hearing January 9.
Jan. 4—Set for hearing January 11 in JUD. pending receipt.
Jan. 10—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (January 9). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 11—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (January 11). Re-referred to Com. on APPR. From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jan. 12—Withdrawn from committee. Ordered to second reading.
GOVERNOR’S VETOES

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S.B. No. 275—Grove.
An act relating to oil and gas.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 275 without my signature.

This bill would require appointment of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to be subject to Senate confirmation. I share the Legislature’s desire for appointments to be made effectively and transparently, especially when considering California’s ambitious and time-sensitive clean energy and carbon neutrality goals.

However, an appointee to this position already undergoes an extensive and exhaustive identification, evaluation, and selection process, a process that ensures the appointee is experienced and fully capable of carrying out our shared policy objectives of protecting public health, safety, and the environment. Additionally, this position falls under the direction and oversight of the Director of Conservation, a gubernatorial appointee that is subject to Senate confirmation.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Jul. 13—Shall Senate Bill 275 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 493—Min et al.

An act relating to air pollution.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 493 without my signature.

This bill would expand the scope of several assessments and strategies developed by the California Energy Commission (CEC) and California Air Resources Board (CARB) related to zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure.

However, this bill results in costs to the CEC’s primary operating fund, which is currently facing an ongoing structural deficit, and thus exacerbates the fund’s structural imbalance.

Additionally, many provisions of this bill are currently being incorporated into relevant ZEV infrastructure planning processes at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in consultation with both the CEC and CARB. At best, this bill’s provisions may duplicate these efforts and, at worst, may complicate this work and lead to misaligned interagency work streams.

We must ensure that the CPUC, CEC and CARB utilize their core competencies and focus their expertise and existing resources on improving ZEV infrastructure planning processes. This bill falls short of accomplishing this goal.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Sep. 30—Shall Senate Bill 493 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 686—Durazo et al.
An act relating to domestic workers.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 686 without my signature.

This bill, among other provisions, would require all household domestic service employers to comply with and adhere to all applicable occupational safety and health regulations by January 1, 2025, and remove the exemption of domestic workers from safety and health laws, with the exception of services that are publicly funded.

While I commend the author for the commitment to the wellbeing of workers in our state and share the spirit behind the legislation, new laws in this area must recognize that private households and families cannot be regulated in the exact same manner as traditional businesses.

SB 686 as written would make private household employers immediately subject to the full set of existing workplace safety and health regulations governing businesses in the state, starting January 1, 2025. These obligations range from the requirement to establish an effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program to providing an eyewash station if household workers use chemicals like bleach, to implementing a Hazard Communication Program. Additionally, the current penalty scheme was meant for businesses and not private individuals. For a domestic employer covered by SB 686, these penalties could be up to $15,000 per violation depending on the circumstances.

That said, my Administration is committed to the wellbeing of domestic workers. I just signed a budget that includes $35 million in funding for grants to community-based organizations for domestic worker education and outreach. And two years ago, I signed SB 321, which established an advisory committee to make recommendations on how to protect the health and safety of domestic service employees. The committee discussed the importance of allowing employers the opportunity to learn about their obligations and correct any violations voluntarily before formal enforcement occurs. Unfortunately, SB 686 does not identify which specific standards domestic employers would be required to follow, nor does it outline an industry-specific system for investigation or enforcement as discussed and recommended by the Advisory Committee.

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The households that employ domestic workers include middle- and low-income families and older Californians who require daily assistance, ranging from personal care to home cleaning to childcare. I am particularly concerned given that approximately 44% of the households that employ domestic workers are low-income themselves, that this bill creates severe cost burdens and penalties for many people who cannot afford them.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Sep. 30—Shall Senate Bill 686 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 799—Portantino et al.

An act relating to unemployment compensation, and making an appropriation therefor.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 799 without my signature.

This bill allows individuals who left work due to a trade dispute to become eligible for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. The bill also codifies case law that employees who left work due to a lockout by their employer, even if it was in anticipation of a trade dispute, are eligible for UI benefits.

California employers fund UI benefits through contributions to the state’s UI Trust Fund on behalf of each employee. The UI financing structure has not been updated since 1984, which has made the UI Trust Fund vulnerable to insolvency. Any expansion of eligibility for UI benefits could increase California’s outstanding federal UI debt projected to be nearly $20 billion by the end of the year and could jeopardize California’s Benefit Cost Ratio add-on waiver application, significantly increasing taxes on employers. Furthermore, the state is responsible for the interest payments on the federal UI loan and to date has paid $362.7 million in interest with another $302 million due this month. Now is not the time to increase costs or incur this sizable debt.

I have deep appreciation and respect for workers who fight for their rights and come together in collective action. I look forward to building on the progress we have made over the past five years to improve conditions for all workers in California.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Sep. 30—Shall Senate Bill 799 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 17 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) within the State Treasurer’s Office to revise the regulations for the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) to increase the housing-type goal for senior developments from 15 percent to 20 percent.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to increase the supply of affordable housing for seniors, statutorily mandating this change may adversely impact access to affordable housing for other population groups.

TCAC already has the authority to revise its regulations, which can be done in conjunction with a robust stakeholder process to inform any adjustments. This bill would bypass that process.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 17 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 18—McGuire et al.
An act relating to housing.
Vote required: 27

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning the following bills without my signature:

Senate Bill 18
Assembly Bill 371

SB 18 would create the Tribal Housing Grant Program Trust Fund to provide grant funds to tribal entities, and AB 371 would change the current waiver process utilized to assist tribal entities in applying for various housing financing programs administered by the Department.

I want to thank the authors and their supporters for their commitment to providing more safe and affordable housing for California’s tribal residents. These legislative efforts are well-intentioned, and I share the desire to further remove barriers and increase tribal access to housing and homelessness programs.

I signed legislation in 2019 to make tribes eligible for most State housing programs, and I remain committed to doing more. My Administration has provided tribal set asides in a variety of new programs we created, including: $30 million in the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023; $29 million through the first round of the Multifamily Super Notice of Funding Availability, which combines funding for four affordable housing funding programs; $20 million recently awarded through the Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention program (HHAP); and a forthcoming Homekey Tribal Entity Notice of Funding Availability of approximately $75 million, to name a few.

But system overhauls such as those included in these two bills need to be made through the budget process where a dedicated grant program to address tribal housing needs - using either new general fund and/or reappropriation of existing tribal set-asides - can be established, along with appropriate program rules to streamline application processes, with more flexible uses to better meet the unique housing needs of tribal governments.

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I am committed to addressing these important issues in next year’s budget and look forward to working with the Legislature and our tribal partners to help deliver these critical dollars to tribal communities where - and how - they are needed.

But for the reasons stated above, I cannot sign these bills.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 18 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)

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S.B. No. 52—Durazo et al.

An act relating to elections.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 52 without my signature.

This bill requires a charter city with a population of at least 2.5 million people to establish an independent redistricting commission, if one is not already required by the city’s charter.

While I agree with the goal of the author’s proposal, this bill is contingent on the enactment of Assembly Bill 1248, which I have vetoed.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 52 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 58—Wiener et al.
An act relating to controlled substances.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 58 without my signature.

This bill would, beginning on January 1, 2025, decriminalize the possession, preparation, obtaining, or transportation of specified quantities of mescaline, dimethyltryptamine (DMT), psilocybin, and psilocyn, for personal use by persons 21 years of age or older. This bill would also decriminalize the therapeutic use of the substances following the Legislature’s adoption of a framework governing therapeutic use.

Both peer-reviewed science and powerful personal anecdotes lead me to support new opportunities to address mental health through psychedelic medicines like those addressed in this bill. Psychedelics have proven to relieve people suffering from certain conditions such as depression, PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and other addictive personality traits. This is an exciting frontier and California will be on the front-end of leading it.

California should immediately begin work to set up regulated treatment guidelines - replete with dosing information, therapeutic guidelines, rules to prevent against exploitation during guided treatments, and medical clearance of no underlying psychoses. Unfortunately, this bill would decriminalize possession prior to these guidelines going into place, and I cannot sign it.

I urge the legislature to send me legislation next year that includes therapeutic guidelines. I am, additionally, committed to working with the legislature and sponsors of this bill to craft legislation that would authorize permissible uses and consider a framework for potential broader decriminalization in the future, once the impacts, dosing, best practice, and safety guardrails are thoroughly contemplated and put in place.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023
Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 58 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 90 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit health plans from imposing a copayment of more than $35 for a 30-day supply of an insulin prescription drug.

Bringing down the costs of prescription drugs, and particularly insulin, has long been a priority of mine. People should not be forced to go into debt to get lifesaving medicines. In March, I announced the state’s partnership with Civica to create our own line of CalRx biosimilar insulins that will cost no more than $30 per 10mL vial or $55 for five 3mL cartridges. This is a fraction of the current price for most insulins, and CalRx biosimilar insulins will be available to insured and uninsured patients nationwide. With CalRx, we are getting at the underlying cost, which is the true sustainable solution to high-cost pharmaceuticals. With copay caps however, the long-term costs are still passed down to consumers through higher premiums from health plans. As a state, we have led the nation in our efforts and investments to address the true underlying costs of insulin prescription affordability.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 90 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 257—Portantino et al.
An act relating to health care coverage.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 257 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to provide coverage without cost-sharing for screening mammography, medically necessary diagnostic or supplemental breast examinations, diagnostic mammography, testing for screening or diagnostic purposes, and medically necessary diagnostic breast imaging.

I appreciate the author’s efforts to improve access to preventive health care services, particularly breast cancer. Breast cancer screenings save lives, which is why health plans already must provide coverage for primary screening mammograms, without cost sharing for women aged 40 to 74. However, this bill exceeds the cost sharing provisions under the Affordable Care Act. As such, this policy would result in unknown costs to health plans passed on to consumers through premiums. The State must weigh the potential benefits of all new mandates with the comprehensive costs to the entire delivery system.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 257 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 271—Dodd et al.

An act relating to powered wheelchairs.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 271 without my signature.

This bill would outline right to repair requirements for businesses that repair complex rehabilitation technology (CRT) powered wheelchairs and would prohibit the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) from requiring prior authorization for the repair of a CRT powered wheelchair if the cost of the repair does not exceed $1,250.

While I appreciate the author’s efforts to increase accessibility and affordability for CRT wheelchair users, prior authorization is a key safeguard for cost containment and prevention of abuse in the Medi-Cal program. Further, setting a monetary threshold for prior authorization in statute creates an additional barrier, should the amount need adjustment in the future.

While I am unable to sign this bill, I am directing DHCS to review the current treatment authorization request policies for complex rehabilitative technology powered wheelchairs and make any necessary adjustments administratively.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023 Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 271 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 390—Limón.
An act relating to greenhouse gases.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 390 without my signature.

This bill makes certain actions related to voluntary carbon offsets subject to the False Advertising Law, including with respect to offsets that a person knows, or should have known, do not durably reduce greenhouse gases in an amount equal to the “atmospheric lifetime” of carbon dioxide emissions.

I support the author’s intent to bring greater transparency to the verification, issuance, and sale of voluntary carbon offsets, and to address the problem of so-called “junk offsets.” However, by imposing civil liability for even unintentional mistakes about offset quality, this bill could inadvertently capture well-intentioned sellers and verifiers of voluntary offsets, and risks creating significant turmoil in the market for carbon offsets, potentially even beyond California. I encourage the author to consider an alternative approach to ensuring voluntary carbon offset quality that avoids these unintended consequences.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 390 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 403—Wahab et al.
An act relating to discrimination.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 403 without my signature.

This bill would define “ancestry” for purposes of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Unruh Act, and the Education Code to include “caste” and other dimensions of ancestry.

In California, we believe everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, no matter who they are, where they come from, who they love, or where they live. That is why California already prohibits discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other characteristics, and state law specifies that these civil rights protections shall be liberally construed. Because discrimination based on caste is already prohibited under these existing categories, this bill is unnecessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 403 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 420—Becker et al.
An act relating to electricity.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 420 without my signature.

This bill would revise the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) environmental permitting authority over specific types of electric transmission projects, which would largely reassign this responsibility to local agencies.

While I agree with the author’s intent to accelerate the development of new and needed electric transmission projects to move electricity from clean energy resources to consumers, this bill compounds existing permitting complexity for these projects by devolving permitting authority of mid-sized electric transmission projects from a single state agency to local agencies.

Building out the electric transmission system is critical for delivering clean electricity to customers from our growing portfolio of zero-carbon resources. I welcome further partnership with the Legislature to develop targeted policies that would accelerate the development of this needed electric infrastructure. Last year and this year, I signed a number of bills that advance our electric infrastructure needs, helping us progress towards our decarbonization goals. We should build on these efforts thoughtfully. To that end, I’m directing my Administration to work through the infrastructure Strike Team established by Executive Order N-8-23 to do just this.

I look forward to advancing these efforts through the Strike Team to avoid any unintended consequences that will further complicate statewide electric transmission planning and delay permitting for these projects.

For these reasons I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 420 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 433—Cortese.
An act relating to school and community college employees.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 433 without my signature.

This bill requires an impartial third-party hearing officer to hear disciplinary appeals of permanent classified personnel at school or community college nonmerit districts. This bill also requires the district to pay for the third-party hearing officer, and for the third-party hearing officer to be jointly selected by the district and the classified employee from a list of arbitrators, unless the parties agree otherwise.

Under the status quo for certificated employees, the district absorbs the full cost of appeals hearings if the employee prevails. If it is determined that the certificated employee should be dismissed or suspended, the cost is shared equally with the State and the district. This bill for classified employees requires districts to bear the full costs of a disciplinary hearing before an arbitrator, no matter the outcome. This could increase the number of appeals and would create significant costs for the State and must be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 433 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 486—Hurtado.
   An act relating to interscholastic athletics.
   Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 486 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Interscholastic Federation to hold all state football championship games at a neutral location that is comparable to the location of all other championship games, except under specified circumstances.

The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) has already begun taking steps to hold state football championship games at comparable neutral locations as called for in this bill. Once fully implemented later this year, these changes will provide equal opportunities for all participating schools, regardless of their division or financial resources. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 486 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 619—Padilla et al.

An act relating to electricity.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 619 without my signature.

This bill would allow an electric investor-owned utility (IOU) that applies to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a certificate or a permit authorizing the new construction of any electrical transmission project to separately apply to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Building out the electric transmission system is critical for delivering clean electricity to customers from our growing portfolio of zero-carbon resources. While I share the author’s goal to improve electric transmission permitting to expedite needed project development, decentralizing permitting between two agencies creates new coordination challenges, requires duplicative staffing, disrupts the sequencing of permitting workstreams and impedes the ability of either agency to consider the full scope of an electric transmission project. Ensuring that a single agency can account for and mitigate both significant costs to electric ratepayers and environmental impacts can lead to better results for Californians.

I welcome further partnership with the Legislature to develop targeted policies that would accelerate the development of needed electric infrastructure. Last year and this year, I signed a number of bills that advance our electric infrastructure needs, helping us progress towards our decarbonization goals. We should build on these efforts thoughtfully. To that end, I’m directing my Administration to work through the infrastructure Strike Team established by Executive Order N-8-23 to do just this.

For these reasons I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 619 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
This bill would require health plans to cover medically necessary hearing aids for individuals under 21 years of age, up to $3,000 per individual hearing aid without any cost sharing, beginning January 1, 2025.

I am committed to ensuring that hearing impaired children have access to the services and supports they need, including hearing aids. Today, children can receive hearing aids and related services through the California Children's Services (CCS) program or through Medi-Cal. In July 2021 we launched the Hearing Aid Coverage for Children Program (HACCP) within the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for those who do not qualify for hearing aids through CCS or Medi-Cal.

HACCP was created to improve access and coverage for children’s hearing aids, a shared goal of this proposed bill. Unlike HACCP, however, SB 635 would exceed the state’s set of essential health benefits, which are established by the state’s benchmark plan under the provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such, this bill’s mandate would require the state to defray the costs of coverage in Covered California. This would not only increase ongoing state General Fund costs, but it would set a new precedent by adding requirements that exceed the benchmark plan. A pattern of new coverage mandate bills like this could open the state to millions to billions of dollars in new costs to cover services relating to other health conditions. This creates uncertainty for our healthcare system’s affordability, particularly when we have developed an alternative program that can serve the target population.

That said, improving access to hearing aids for children is a priority for my Administration. We can, and we must, do better for these children and their families as we implement HACCP. To this end, I am directing my Administration to explore increases to Medi-Cal provider payments with the goal of incentivizing additional provider participation in HACCP, increasing access for youth in need of hearing aids.

In addition, DHCS has developed a comprehensive plan to increase provider participation and program enrollment. These improvements will enable HACCP to reach and serve more children, which is our shared goal.

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Specifically, in the next six months, DHCS will take a variety of steps to help patients maximize benefits, including: (1) partnering with other state entities to promote participation and awareness of HACCP, (2) completing translations for HACCP related materials into 18 languages, (3) implementing a streamlined annual eligibility renewal process to simplify provider enrollment, (4) conducting outreach to Medi-Cal providers not yet participating in HACCP to support their participation, (5) hosting quarterly webinars with providers and stakeholders, and (6) continuing to identify potential service improvements and strategies to increase program success.

Given the structural concerns this bill presents to our healthcare system and the opportunity to improve the existing HACCP to accomplish the same objectives, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 635 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 657—Caballero et al.
An act relating to homelessness.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 657 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Council) to coordinate with the Department of Aging, Continuums of Care, and Area Agencies on Aging to convene a working group to develop best practices and training for those assisting older adults to prevent and overcome homelessness.

While I agree with the underlying intent of the bill, some of its provisions are duplicative of the Council’s current efforts with member Departments, including the Department of Aging, to establish best practices and provide support for this population. These efforts include the State’s recent partnership with the federal government through the ALL INside Initiative, which includes a specific focus on supporting older adults. In addition, the State has also produced the Master Plan for Aging, a comprehensive 10-year blueprint that outlines how the State will address housing solutions for older adults by 2030, including efforts for enriching services and housing for older Californians. I look forward to working with the author to build on these efforts thoughtfully, but at this time, legislation is not necessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023 Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 657 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 694—Eggman.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 694 without my signature.

This bill would require self-measured blood pressure devices and related services to be covered benefits within the Medi-Cal program.

While I appreciate the author’s goal to support Medi-Cal beneficiaries with hypertension and related conditions, new Medi-Cal benefits must be considered as part of the annual budget process. In 2022, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) added coverage for self-measured blood pressure devices into the Medi-Cal pharmacy benefit. However, the addition of patient education, data collection, and required communication about treatment plans is an expansion of covered services. DHCS estimates additional annual costs to the Medi-Cal program in the millions of dollars from the General Fund to implement this bill. These costs must be considered alongside other budgetary priorities.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023
Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 694 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 773—Glazer.
An act relating to CalWORKs.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 773 without my signature.

This bill would require counties to consider an expanded definition of income for purposes of calculating total monthly household income for CalWORKS Permanent Homeless Assistance (HA) Program eligibility. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) would be required to collect statewide data regarding HA and convene a statewide stakeholder advisory group.

I appreciate the author’s intent to get more people at risk of homelessness into permanent housing. My Administration has made significant investments to combat homelessness and provide housing supports. However, this bill would result in an ongoing annual fiscal impact to the state of more than a million dollars a year. These costs must be considered alongside other budgetary priorities as part of the annual budget process.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Shall Senate Bill 773 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 842—Bradford.
An act relating to energy.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate

I am returning Senate Bill 842 without my signature.

This bill amends provisions of SB X1-2 (Skinner), enacted during the 2022–2023 Special Session on high gasoline prices, related to the California Energy Commission’s (CEC) development of regulations governing oil and gasoline refinery turnaround and maintenance. This bill would require the CEC to consult with the Department of Industrial Relations in addition to other entities already required by SB X1-2, and to consider the existing statutory process safety management standards when evaluating ways to manage refinery maintenance.

I support the bill’s intent to avoid any adverse impacts to the safety of employees and surrounding communities in the development of regulations. This is why SB X1-2 already provides several safeguards to that effect, including a requirement to consult with the State Labor and Workforce Development Agency and labor and industry stakeholders. It would be imprudent to sign this bill so soon after the effective date of SB X1-2 and before the CEC has fully contemplated implementation of the refinery maintenance portions of that law.

This has become more relevant than ever with the recent and somewhat sudden price increases of gasoline observed and shared publicly by our new Division or Petroleum Market Oversight created with the new authorities provided by SB X1-2. This bill could create a barrier to the CEC’s ability to protect consumers from unnecessary gasoline price spikes caused by interruptions in petroleum supply.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023
Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 842 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 303—Allen.
An act relating to solid waste.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 303 without my signature.

This bill would amend the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (the Act) by: 1) revising the definition of “recycling,” 2) revising the definition of “responsible end markets,” and 3) adding an arbitration process for affected parties to contest and revise an approved implementation plan.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to clarify certain provisions within the Act, this bill will interfere with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)’s ability to meet its statutory obligation to adopt regulations pursuant to the Act by January 1, 2025. I encourage the author and stakeholders to work with CalRecycle through the regulatory process on the issues this bill seeks to address.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 303 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 373—Menjivar.
An act relating to professions and vocations.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 373 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Board of Psychology, and the Veterinary Medical Board from disclosing on the internet the public address of record of a licensee or registrant.

I appreciate the author’s goal to provide additional safety to these providers; however, this bill would serve as an impediment for patients seeking access to their medical records, as a patient would need their provider’s address to make a request. Absent access to addresses on board websites or other publicly accessible sources, patients may need to submit a public records act request to obtain the address needed to request access to their medical records. This could result in a significant delay for patients seeking to obtain their medical records.

There are already protections in existing law for providers that work from their homes and seek to maintain their privacy, including the use of a post office box that avoids the need to disclose their home address. The safety of healthcare providers is paramount, but I cannot support a measure that would restrict patient access when effective alternatives exist to protect the safety and privacy of providers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 373 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 391 without my signature.

This bill would create a rebuttable presumption of industrial causation for skin cancer under the workers' compensation system to specified peace officers of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Parks and Recreation.

A presumption is not required for an occupational disease to be compensable. I vetoed AB 334 in 2021 which was nearly identical to this bill. As stated in my previous veto message, such presumptions should be provided sparingly and should be based on the unique hazards or proven difficulty of establishing a direct relationship between a disease or injury and the employee's work. Although well-intentioned, the need for the presumption envisioned by this bill is not supported by clear and compelling evidence.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 391 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 541—Menjivar et al.
An act relating to sexual health.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 541 without my signature.

This bill requires all public high schools to make free condoms available to students and would prohibit retailers from refusing to sell condoms to youth.

While evidence-based strategies, like increasing access to condoms, are important to supporting improved adolescent sexual health, this bill would create an unfunded mandate to public schools that should be considered in the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023
Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 541 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 565—Caballero et al.
An act relating to taxation.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 565 without my signature.

This bill would require the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to provide a free tax return preparation program to individuals eligible for the California Earned Income Tax Credit, the Young Child Tax Credit, and the Foster Youth Tax Credit. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services and the Department of Health Care Services to exchange data with the FTB for purposes of administering this free tax return preparation program.

While I am supportive of the author’s goal of reducing barriers to tax filing and ensuring eligible families receive credits, this bill would result in ongoing General Fund costs in the millions of dollars to implement.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 565 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 641—Roth et al.

An act relating to public health.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 641 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to make all U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved formulations and dosage strengths of naloxone, or any other opioid antagonist, available through the Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP).

The NDP was created to combat the opioid crisis by providing free naloxone in a dosage strength that is safest for public use. Since October 2018, the NDP has provided more than 2.5 million free naloxone kits to first responders, community and harm reduction organizations, schools, public health agencies, and others.

Though well intentioned, this bill could lead to the distribution of formulations and dosage strengths which may not be suited for the general public and may be more costly than other equally effective formulations. If it is determined that there is a need to add new formulations or dosages to the NDP in the future, that can be accomplished administratively.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023 Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 641 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 664 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to include in their quarterly Joint Reliability Planning Assessment (JRPA) status updates on transmission projects, energy infrastructure projects, and the use of fossil fuels as part of the Strategic Reliability Reserve, and to post this information online.

While I support the author’s attempt to daylight the development and use of specific energy infrastructure, this bill is redundant of existing efforts and duplicates requirements in other bills that I recently signed. To achieve our clean energy and climate goals, we must ensure that the relevant agencies’ planning and reporting efforts are coordinated and aligned. Unfortunately, this bill does not achieve that objective.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023 Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 664 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 665—Allen.
An act relating to solid waste.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 665 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Environmental Protection Agency to establish a working group of state entities to develop a policy framework by July 1, 2026, for evaluating plastic alternatives in order to inform policy decisions designed to create a more sustainable and circular economy.

I thank the author for the commitment to reduce plastic pollution and support California’s transition to a circular economy. However, the creation of a new working group is unnecessary and duplicative of existing efforts within my Administration.

Last year, I signed the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022), which established a comprehensive regulatory framework and aggressive goals to reduce single-use plastic in this state. To implement this framework and meet its statutory requirements, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery is in the process of conducting needs assessments, source reduction studies, end market studies, industry surveys, and waste characterization studies. This work, coupled with other Administration efforts, will provide insight for the same policy objectives this bill seeks to achieve.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 665 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 751—Padilla.
An act relating to franchise agreements.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 751 without my signature.

This bill prohibits franchise agreements for solid waste handling services entered into or substantially amended by a city or county on or after January 1, 2024, from containing a “force majeure” provision that excuses the service provider from complying with the agreement in the event of a work stoppage associated with a labor dispute.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to prevent disruptions in local waste hauling services, I do not believe a change to state law is necessary. Local jurisdictions voluntarily enter into franchise agreements and currently have the ability to negotiate amendments to such contracts without legislation.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 751 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 777—Allen.
An act relating to solid waste.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 777 without my signature.

This bill authorizes grocery stores and retail chains subject to the statewide single-use plastic bag ban to provide customers with opportunities to return reusable grocery bags for recycling. It also requires large stores to submit annual reports to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to track the revenue stores receive from the 10-cent bag fee, and make those reports available to an authorized representative with a collective bargaining agreement.

I thank the author for the commitment to ensure continued success of California’s single-use plastic bag ban, and I support providing consumers with more convenient options to recycle carryout bags. However, I am concerned that the data collection and reporting provisions in this bill will impose an undue burden on stores, large and small across the state, without a clear public benefit or improvement to implementation of the bag ban.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 777 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 822 without my signature.

This bill creates the Interagency High Road Act and requires the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) to consult with stakeholders, including public input, on the development and evaluation of high road metrics. It also requires certain state agencies to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the CWDB to incorporate high road evaluation metrics in the state agency's procurement processes, contracts, and incentive programs.

I strongly support efforts to maximize state and federal funding opportunities while delivering high quality jobs that increase opportunity for all communities and decrease disparities in historically disadvantaged areas. To further this work, I issued an Executive Order to accelerate clean infrastructure projects with an all-of-government strategy for planning and development and tracking progress toward equity goals that support disadvantaged communities - including good jobs. California’s Infrastructure Strike Team is also driving collaboration across state agencies - including in the area of workforce training and development. Additionally, the Department of General Services and the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development are supporting implementation of AB 2019 (2022), to advance equitable inclusion and utilization of small and diverse businesses in California’s state procurement and contracting opportunities.

Additionally, I have signed several bills that ensure public contracting dollars are also investing in human infrastructure, including SB 150 that requires the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Government Operations Agency, and the State Transportation Agency to convene relevant stakeholders and draft recommendations to ensure that investments maximize benefits to marginalized and disadvantaged communities. The recommendations are due by March 30, 2024.

It is advisable to allow time for those policies to be implemented before adding more requirements that may duplicate efforts.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023 Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 822 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 81—Skinner et al.
An act relating to parole.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 81 without my signature.

This bill would establish that a parole candidate who has been denied parole by the Board of Parole Hearings (Board) after reaching their minimum parole-eligible date, youth parole-eligible date, or elderly parole-eligible date has made a prima facie case for habeas relief. This bill, additionally, would modify the judicial standard of review for a parole denial by the Board to require the parole denial to be overturned unless the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the person presents a current, unreasonable risk of danger to others. Finally, this bill would require the Board to notify parole candidates the Board finds unsuitable for parole of their right to petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

I am concerned that the bill introduces legal inconsistencies that will have unintended consequences and be detrimental to California’s process for assessing suitability for discretionary release on parole.

The current process strikes a delicate balance and has significantly improved parole hearings in recent years, resulting in a one percent recidivism rate among parolees. The changes the bill prescribes will have unpredictable impacts and will result in decades of litigation and uncertainty for victims, families, and those going through the parole process.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 81 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 354—Ochoa Bogh.
An act relating to special education.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 354 without my signature.

This bill requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to revise its administrative services credential standards and performance expectations with a focus on inclusive learning environments. It also, subject to separate appropriations, requires the California Department of Education, in consultation with the CTC, to develop and disseminate guidance on the ways in which inclusive classrooms may be staffed, and develop and distribute a report on recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes necessary to eliminate barriers to the staffing of inclusive practices.

Serving students with disabilities in inclusive settings is an essential strategy for improving the academic achievement of these and all students, and one that my Administration, like the author, is committed to advancing. However, this bill is substantially similar to SB 1113 of 2022, which I vetoed, and several of the same concerns remain. In particular, portions of this bill are subject to an appropriation and should be considered as part of the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 354 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 394—Gonzalez et al.
An act relating to school facilities.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 394 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to convene more than ten state agencies, departments and commissions, as well as numerous stakeholders, to develop a Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools. The Master Plan would be due on or before March 31, 2025, or 15 months after the appropriation is made for this purpose, whichever is later.

While I support the author’s goal of making our schools more climate friendly and climate prepared, the development of this Master Plan will cost up to $10 million that was not considered through the annual budget process. Additionally, the Master Plan would create significant long-term cost pressures that are not accounted for in the state budget plan.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 394 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 429—Bradford.
An act relating to transportation.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 429 without my signature.

This bill codifies vehicle inspection requirements for transportation network companies (TNCs) and requires TNCs to compensate certain drivers for their time spent completing a vehicle inspection. The bill also specifically authorizes TNC vehicle inspections to be completed remotely or virtually.

While I appreciate the intent of the author to make it easier for drivers to comply with the existing vehicle inspection requirements, this bill may weaken these requirements, which are purposefully designed to protect public, driver and passenger safety.

Last year I vetoed legislation that would have authorized similar provisions. At that time, I encouraged the author of that bill to work with the CPUC to clearly identify and address any issues or safety improvements. I continue to believe that is the most appropriate approach for addressing these types of safety matters.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 429 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 435—Gonzalez et al.
An act relating to data collection.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 435 without my signature.

This bill would require the CalFresh program, within the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to use separate data collection categories for specified Latino groups, Mesoamerican Indigenous nations, and Mesoamerican Indigenous language groups when collecting and reporting demographic data.

Providing more detailed health and demographic information for Latino groups and Mesoamerican Indigenous nations is important to inform our services and supports and to help identify disparities. To this end, my Administration is actively monitoring and reviewing the United States Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) update to federal standards for collection and reporting of race and ethnicity information, and looks forward to engaging stakeholders in this effort. California is required to submit data to the federal government using these federal standards, and programs that receive federal funding must also use these standards. As such, implementing a different framework for data collection in California prior to the release of updated federal standards is premature.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 435 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 470 without my signature.

This bill would codify two grant programs within the Department of Water Resources established by the Budget Act of 2021: the Urban Water Community Drought Relief Program and the Small Community Drought Relief Program. It also authorizes these programs to fund benefits in addition to drought relief, including projects that reduce the risk of wildfire.

I thank the author for the commitment to support under-resourced communities most at risk of wildfire, and the intent of this bill is in line with work currently underway within my Administration. The California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) recently launched the Prepare California Initiative, a grant program focused on building community resilience amongst vulnerable individuals living in high hazard risk communities.

However, the two programs this bill seeks to expand have exhausted all funding appropriated in the 2021 Budget and as such, it is unnecessary to formally establish the programs in statute.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 470 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 557—Limón.
An act relating to state government administration.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 557 without my signature.

This bill would extend Prompt Payment Act requirements and penalties to all grants to nonprofit organizations and makes nonprofit organizations eligible for the higher penalty rate paid to small businesses, regardless of the size of the grant or contract.

Additionally, for disputed invoices regarding the quantity of goods or services delivered to or accepted by the state, this bill would provide that the dispute suspends the requirement to pay within 45 days only if the disputed portion exceeds five percent of the invoiced amount or $250, whichever is less. This provision would cover all state contractors and grantees, not just nonprofit organizations.

I appreciate the role nonprofit organizations play in supporting our state’s communities and economy, and I thank the author for the continued commitment to this critical sector. However, being able to suspend the 45-day requirement in a dispute over the quantity of goods or services provided is essential to the state’s fiduciary responsibility and accountability as a distributor of public funds. Moreover, establishing a minimum discrepancy amount to suspend the 45-day requirement could pressure state employees to pay invoices with missing documentation to avoid having to report a late payment penalty.

My Administration remains committed to working with nonprofit organizations to support the sector’s ability to deliver programs and support communities, while also balancing the need for accountability for state funds. I look forward to working with stakeholders on the implementation of related efforts, and I encourage the author and stakeholders to continue working with my administration on the overarching goals of this bill, while addressing accountability concerns.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 557 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 582 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Health and Human Services Agency’s (CHHS) Data Exchange Framework (DxF) stakeholder advisory group to consider new standards for including Electronic Health Records (EHR) vendors in the DxF, establish standards for EHR vendors’ fees, and authorize CHHS to oversee and enforce EHR vendors for noncompliance with federal standards.

My Administration spearheaded the creation of the DxF to accelerate and expand the exchange of health information to provide safe, effective, whole person care to Californians in real time. Given the ongoing efforts by CHHS and the Center for Data Insights and Innovation to stand up the DxF, this bill is premature. The state should prioritize implementation of this important work before we consider modifications.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 582 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 596—Portantino.
An act relating to school employees.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 596 without my signature.

This bill would make it a misdemeanor to cause substantial disorder at any meeting of the governing board of a school district, the governing body of a charter school, a county board of education, or the State Board of Education. This bill also specifies that a person who subjects a school employee to threats or harassment while the employee is away from a school site or after school hours for reasons related to the employee’s course of duties would be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Credible threats of violence and acts of harassment - whether directed against school officials, elected officials, or members of the general public - can already be prosecuted as crimes. As such, creating a new crime is unnecessary.

The tenor of our country’s political conversations is alarming, leading to caustic atmospheres at local school board meetings and politicization of our kids’ education in an effort to score political points. Nevertheless, we need to be cautious about exacerbating tensions by implementing additional laws that can be perceived as stifling parents’ voices in the decision-making process. We don’t need more gas on this fire - we need more grace, more respectful conversations, and more protection of constitutional rights for all people, especially for those with whom we disagree.

No school official should be subject to threats or harassment for doing their job, period. I encourage school officials to work closely with local law enforcement to use the laws already on the books to ensure the safety and security of our community’s educators and governing board members, both while carrying out their school duties on school premises and while away from school sites.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023
Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 596 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 627—Smallwood-Cuevas et al.
An act relating to employment.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 627 without my signature.

This bill would require certain chain employers to provide workers and their exclusive representative, if any, with a displacement notice at least 60 days before an expected date of closure. Additionally, it would require a chain employer to maintain a preferential transfer list of eligible laid-off employees and make job offers based on length of service for one year after the closure date and provide an opportunity to transfer to another chain location within 25 miles, as positions become available.

The new notice requirements, transfer rights, processes and criteria, and associated penalties established by this bill would impose significant burdens on employers. The arbitrary 25-mile radius for transfers does not take into account substantial regional differences among commute times. In addition, this bill applies to an overly broad list of establishments and creates vague processes and criteria, which will lead to implementation and enforcement challenges.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 627 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 640—Portantino et al.
An act relating to the California State University.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 640 without my signature.

This bill would require any food service contract or hotel development project undertaken by the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees to be with an employer that is party to a labor peace agreement with a labor organization. This requirement extends to any food service and hotel development contract in which the CSU or the State of California has a proprietary interest and that is performed in accordance with a contract entered into or awarded by a CSU auxiliary organization.

California State University campuses have a long history of organizing. Faculty and staff have been organized for decades, and this year a labor organization submitted more than 8,500 digital cards signed by students to the Public Employment Relations Board to advance towards a union vote. Additionally, six campuses have auxiliary organizations that have been unionized. It is the understanding of my Administration that recent organizing on CSU campuses has been largely respectful. In light of this history, it is not clear that this legislation is needed to facilitate successful organizing on CSU campuses. While I support minimizing disruptions to students from work stoppages on campus, this bill is premature.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 640 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 702—Limón et al.
An act relating to state government.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 702 without my signature.

This bill would require the Governor’s Office to annually publish a report on its website containing aggregate demographic information of individuals appointed by the Governor.

I continue to be deeply committed to making appointments at every level of government that reflect California’s diversity. My office makes an intentional, transparent effort to continuously engage with the Legislature, community partners, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to build a diverse and qualified pool of candidates for these positions. I am deeply proud of the diverse group of Californians who now serve our state in senior, appointed leadership positions.

While I understand the author’s goal, the demographic information specified for reporting under this bill is optional and self-reported by candidates. Consequently, the report required by this bill would not necessarily accurately reflect the diversity of appointees. I have vetoed a similar measure for this reason, and my concern remains.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 702 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 716 without my signature.

This bill would enact the Excluded Employee Arbitration Act to provide state excluded employees the option to request binding arbitration as part of the grievance process.

Current law allows managers and supervisors to pursue resolution of disagreements through a four-step grievance process and challenge grievance decisions in court. This bill would add a costly step to this process by permitting excluded employees to arbitrate the Department of Human Resources’ (CalHR) authorizing statutes, regulations, policies, and practices before non-governmental entities. This could lead to conflicts with the statutory authority delegated to CalHR. These are the same concerns I had with previous, nearly identical bills, AB 1714 (2022), SB 76 (2021), and SB 179 (2019), which I also vetoed.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 716 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 725—Smallwood-Cuevas.
An act relating to private employment.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 725 without my signature.

This bill would require a successor grocery employer to provide an eligible grocery employee a dislocated worker allowance equal to one week of pay for each year of employment with the incumbent grocery employer, if the successor grocery employer does not hire or retain an eligible grocery worker as required in grocery worker retention laws.

While the goal of limiting the disruptions caused by grocery mergers and acquisitions amongst essential grocery store workers and local communities is laudable, existing law already provides protections for displaced workers, including WARN Act notice requirements, grocery worker retention requirements which require successor grocery employers to retain eligible grocery workers for 90-days during a store transitional period, and unemployment insurance benefits. The additional obligations in this bill are unduly prescriptive and overly burdensome.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023
Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 725 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 728—Limón.
An act relating to solid waste.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 728 without my signature.

This bill prohibits the sale or distribution of plastic gift cards in the state after January 2027, and enforces the ban through civil penalties of up to $100 per day.

While I support the author’s goal to reduce our reliance on single-use plastic materials, I am concerned that an outright ban without any incentives for compliance will disproportionately impact the state’s small business community, as digital gift cards may not be a feasible option for many businesses or consumers.

California has successfully implemented many programs to reduce our reliance on single-use plastic while incentivizing businesses to transition towards more sustainable products and materials. I encourage the Legislature to consider alternatives to a statutory, single-product ban to help meet the state’s plastic waste reduction goals.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 728 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 731—Ashby et al.
An act relating to employment.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 731 without my signature.

This bill would require employers, before requiring an employee who is working from home to return to in-person work, to provide 30 calendar days’ advance written notice. The bill would also require the notice to include specified text informing employees of their right to request continuing to work remotely as a reasonable accommodation for a disability.

My administration supports reasonable advance notice by employers, where feasible, to employees of return to work requirements, in order to allow for employees to prepare for the change. My administration also strongly supports the existing legal requirement that employers must reasonably accommodate employees with disabilities, which includes the possibility that working from home could be a reasonable accommodation in appropriate circumstances, and encourages that information to be included in employer communications with employees about return to work.

However, SB 731 would impose an inflexible 30-day advance notice requirement to return-to-work that would not take into account the needs of any particular employer. Businesses, especially small businesses, may have limited employees to staff in-person positions and the 30-day advance notice requirement of return-to-work could be impractical, especially in times of critical need or emergencies.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 731 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 847 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the California Highway Patrol to adopt a regulation to certify motorcycle helmets that do not meet the safety requirements imposed by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in order to accommodate a driver’s or passenger’s religious beliefs.

Motorcycle helmets save lives. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that all motorcycle helmets sold in the United States meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. This standard defines minimum levels of performance that helmets must meet to protect the head and brain in the event of a crash. According to NHTSA, helmets that do not meet FMVSS 218 create a higher risk for skull fracture and brain injury when compared to certified ones. Approval of a helmet model that does not comply with rigorous federal safety standards will undoubtedly impact public safety.

While I am sensitive to the protection of religious freedoms, I cannot support legislation that would have the unintended public safety consequences associated with this proposal.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 847 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 509—Portantino et al.
An act relating to pupil health.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 509 without my signature.

This bill would require local educational agencies to certify to the California Department of Education by July 1, 2027, that 100 percent of its certificated staff and at least 40 percent of its classified staff who have direct contact with students in grades 7-12 have received youth behavioral health training as specified.

I share the author’s goal of ensuring that school staff are equipped with the tools to recognize and offer appropriate support to students experiencing mental health challenges. However, I have concerns with some aspects of the bill as written, including the appropriate scope of the required, one-time training and the lack of an appropriate mechanism to fund the bill via the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Fund (AB 28, Chapter 231, Statutes of 2023).

To address these issues, and to ensure alignment with other state investments in this area, I am directing the Department of Finance to propose language for the Legislature’s consideration as part of next January’s state budget proposal.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 13—Shall Senate Bill 509 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
53
LINDSEY SIN, Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs
(Ayes 5. Noes 0.)
Final date the Senate may act on confirmation: May 31, 2024

Vote required: 21

2024
Jan. 11—From Com. on RLS. with the recommendation: Be confirmed.

54
NOEMÍ OTILIA OSUNA GALLARDO, J.D., Member, California Energy Commission
(Ayes 5. Noes 0.)
Final date the Senate may act on confirmation: February 15, 2024

Vote required: 21

2024
Jan. 11—From Com. on RLS. with the recommendation: Be confirmed.

55
IRA W. LIT, ED.D., Member, Commission on Teacher Credentialing
(Ayes 4. Noes 0.)
Final date the Senate may act on confirmation: February 8, 2024

Vote required: 21

2024
Jan. 11—From Com. on RLS. with the recommendation: Be confirmed.
CARL (CHIP) W. ROBERTSON, J.D., Member, University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco, Board of Directors
(Ayes 5. Noes 0.)
Final date the Senate may act on confirmation: March 6, 2024

Vote required: 21

2024
Jan. 11—From Com. on RLS. with the recommendation: Be confirmed.
S.C.A. No. 1—Newman et al.
An act relating to elections.
Vote required: 27

2023
Jan. 30—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Jan. 31—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 2.
Feb. 9—Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
Apr. 25—Set for hearing May 8.
May 9—From committee: Be adopted and re-refer to Com. on APPR.
Aug. 24—Set for hearing August 28.
Aug. 28—August 28 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
Aug. 29—Set for hearing September 1.
Sep. 1—From committee: Be adopted. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (September 1).
Sep. 5—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
S.C.A. No. 2—Stern et al.
An act relating to elections.
Vote required: 27

2023
Feb. 16—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 17—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 19.
Mar. 1—Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
Apr. 25—Set for hearing May 8. From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
May 9—From committee: Be adopted and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 1. Page 1026.) (May 8). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Aug. 24—Set for hearing August 28.
Aug. 28—August 28 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
Aug. 29—Set for hearing September 1.
Sep. 1—From committee: Be adopted. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (September 1).
Sep. 5—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
S.B. No. 804—Dahle.

An act relating to criminal procedure.

Vote required: 21

2023

Feb. 17—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Feb. 21—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.

Mar. 1—Referred to Com. on PUB S.

Mar. 16—Set for hearing April 18.


Dec. 7—Set for hearing January 9.

2024

Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on PUB S.


Jan. 10—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
SENATE BILLS—THIRD READING FILE—Continued

60

S.B. No. 863—Allen.
An act relating to elections.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 17—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 21—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.
Mar. 1—Referred to Com. on RLS.
Mar. 22—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Mar. 29—Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Apr. 11—Set for hearing May 2.
Apr. 21—May 2 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on JUD. Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
Jan. 4—Set for hearing January 9.
Jan. 10—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

61

S.C.R. No. 93—Hurtado et al.
Relative to public health.
Vote required: 21

2023
Sep. 6—Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.

2024
Jan. 10—From committee: Ordered to third reading.
62

S.C.R. No. 94—Dodd et al.
Relative to Data Privacy Week.
Vote required: 21

2024
Jan. 3—Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.
Jan. 10—From committee: Ordered to third reading.

63

S.R. No. 51—Min.
Relative to Korean American Day.

2024
Jan. 3—Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.
Jan. 10—From committee: Ordered to third reading.

64

S.B. No. 536—Rubio.
An act relating to horse racing.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 15—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 17.
Feb. 22—Referred to Coms. on G.O. and E.Q.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on G.O.
Jan. 5—Set for hearing January 9.
Jan. 9—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on E.Q. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (January 9). Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.
Jan. 10—Withdrawn from committee. Ordered to second reading.
Jan. 11—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
S.B. No. 402—Wahab.

An act relating to mental health.

Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 9—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 10—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 12.
Feb. 22—Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and G.O.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH. Set for hearing January 10. Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Coms. on HEALTH and JUD.
Jan. 4—Set for hearing January 11 in JUD. pending receipt.
Jan. 10—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (January 10). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 12—Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.
CONSENT CALENDAR—FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

S.B. No. 382—Becker.
An act relating to real property.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 9—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 10—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 12.
Feb. 22—Referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.
Apr. 13—Set for hearing April 26.
Apr. 18—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.
Apr. 26—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 3, Noes 2. Page 897.) (April 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
May 1—Set for hearing May 8.
May 8—May 8 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
May 12—Set for hearing May 18.
May 18—May 18 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 4—Set for hearing January 11. From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 11—From committee: Do pass. Ordered to consent calendar. (Ayes 10, Noes 0.) (January 11).
Jan. 12—Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.
S.B. No. 251—Newman.
An act relating to elections.
Vote required: 21

2023
Jan. 30—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
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General Provisions and Exemptions Relating to Joint Rule 61 Deadlines

1. Bills acted upon by a committee deadline for which amendments are recommended have two legislative days after that deadline during which they may be reported (J.R. 61(c)).

2. Rules Committees are exempt from these deadlines (J.R. 61(f)).

3. Bills which are referred to an Assembly committee (pursuant to J.R. 26.5 or A.R. 77.2) are exempt from these deadlines (see also J.R. 61(g), J.R. 61(h)).

4. Bills related to the budget under subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution are exempt from these deadlines (J.R. 61(i)).

5. A policy committee or fiscal committee may meet for the purpose of hearing and reporting a constitutional amendment, or a bill which would go into immediate effect pursuant to Section 8 of Article IV of the California Constitution, at any time other than those periods when no committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(i)).

6. Joint and Concurrent Resolutions are exempt from these deadlines (J.R. 6).

2024 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR
SECOND YEAR OF BIENNİUM
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY 2023–24 REGULAR CALENDAR

Jan. 1 — Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
Jan. 1-2 — New Year Holiday.
Jan. 3 — Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
Jan. 10 — Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
Jan. 12 — Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
Jan. 15 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Jan. 19 — Last day for any committee to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(2)). Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
Jan. 31 — Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)) (J.R. 61(b)(3)).
Feb. 16 — Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(b)(4), J.R. 54(a)).
Feb. 19 — Presidents’ Day.
Mar. 21 — Spring Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
2024 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR
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CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY 2023–24 REGULAR CALENDAR—Continued

Mar. 29 —Cesar Chavez Day observed.
Apr. 1 —Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
Apr. 26 —Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).
May 3 —Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).
May 10 —Last day for policy committees to meet prior to May 28 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).
May 17 —Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(8)). Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to May 28 (J.R. 61(b)(9)).
May 20-24 —Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(10)).
May 24 —Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).
May 27 —Memorial Day.
May 28 —Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).
June 15 —Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)).
June 27 —Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).
July 3 —Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
July 4 —Independence Day.
Aug. 5 —Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
Aug. 16 —Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(14)).
Aug. 19-31 —Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(15)).
Aug. 23 —Last day to amend bills on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).
Aug. 31 —Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(17)). **Final Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

Sep. 2 —Labor Day.

Sep. 30 —Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor’s possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).

Oct. 2 —Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2025. (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Nov. 5 —General Election.

Nov. 11 —Veterans Day.

Nov. 28-29 —Thanksgiving.

Nov. 30 —Adjournment **sine die** at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

Dec. 2 —2025–26 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon. (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).


Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2025 —New Year Holiday.

**2025**

Jan. 1 —Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

(SOME DATES INCLUDED IN THIS CALENDAR ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
# SCHEDULE OF 2023–24 REGULAR SESSION
## ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(All hearings take place in the State Capitol or at 1021 O Street, unless otherwise noted)

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Subcommittee No. 3 on Education Finance (6)—Alvarez (Chair), Megan Dahle, Essayli, Mike Fong, McCarty, and Muratsuchi. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

Subcommittee No. 4 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation (4)—Bennett (Chair), Connelly, Flora, and Wilson. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

Subcommittee No. 5 on State Administration (3)—Quirk-Silva (Chair), Joe Patterson, and Ward. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

Subcommittee No. 6 on Public Safety (3)—Ramos (Chair), Lackey, and McCarty. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

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Select Committee on Aerospace—Muratsuchi (Chair), Berman, Juan Carrillo, Vince Fong, Friedman, Irwin, Lackey, Mathis, and McKinnor.

Select Committee on Asia/California Trade and Investment—Ting (Chair), Calderon, Cervantes, Chen, Mike Fong, Vincent Fong, Holden, Lee, Low, Muratsuchi, and Stephanie Nguyen.

Select Committee on Asian American and Pacific Islanders Equity, Inclusion, and Representation—Low (Chair), Wendy Carrillo, Mike Fong, Lee, Stephanie Nguyen, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Santiago, and Ward.

Select Committee on Automation and Workforce Development—Lowenthal (Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Gipson, Haney, Jackson, McKinnor, and Reyes.

Select Committee on Biodiversity—Friedman (Chair), Addis, Connolly, Jackson, Kalra, Mathis, Luz Rivas, and Ting.

Select Committee on Biotechnology—Ward (Chair), Berman, Boerner, Vince Fong, Irwin, Papan, Petrie-Norris, Luz Rivas, Ting, Waldron, and Weber.

Select Committee on California’s Lithium Economy—Garcia (Chair), Alvarez, Wendy Carrillo, Connolly, Friedman, Holden, Lackey, Ramos, Ting, Wallis, and Zbur.

Select Committee on California’s Mental Health Crisis—Jackson (Chair), Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Megan Dahle, Irwin, Maienschein, Stephanie Nguyen, Pacheco, Pellerin, Waldron, and Wood.

Select Committee on California-Mexico Bi-National Affairs—Garcia (Chair), Alanis, Alvarez, Juan Carrillo, Cervantes, Mike Fong, Gipson, Ortega, Pacheco, Robert Rivas, Blanca Rubio, and Soria.

Select Committee on Career Technical Education and Building a 21st Century Workforce—Cervantes (Chair), Alanis, Mike Fong, Vincent Fong, Muratsuchi, Ortega, Ramos, Reyes, Villapudua, and Wilson.

Select Committee on Cybersecurity—Irwin (Chair), Addis, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Flora, Vince Fong, Stephanie Nguyen, Pacheco, Luz Rivas, Ta, and Weber.

Select Committee on the Digital Frontier and Technological Accounting and Transparency—Lowenthal (Chair), Boerner, Gabriel, Lee, Low, Schiavo, Weber, and Wicks.

Select Committee on Domestic Violence—Blanca Rubio (Chair), Alanis, Cervantes, Dixon, Essayli, Gipson, Pacheco, Soria, and Villapudua.

Select Committee on Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure—Schiavo (Chair), Alanis, Berman, Connolly, Friedman, Irwin, McCarty, Ting, Ward, and Zbur.

Select Committee on Fentanyl, Opioid Addiction, and Overdose Prevention—Haney (Chair), Bryan, Davies, Kalra, Ortega, Jim Patterson, Joe Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Ramos, Waldron, Wood, and Zbur.

Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers—Kalra (Chair), Bryan, Flora, Haney, Lackey, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Ortega, and Reyes.
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SELECT COMMITTEE ON LATINA INEQUITRIES—WENDY CARRILLO (Chair), Alanis, Boerner, Cervantes, Jackson, Lee, McKinnor, Ortega, Pacheco, Luz Rivas, and Valencia.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS—RODRIGUEZ (Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Ta, Waldron, Wallis, and Wilson.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESSNESS—SANTIAGO (Chair), Bryan, Mike Fong, Friedman, Gipson, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Schiavo, and Zbur.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MASTER PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA—BERMAN (Chair), Addis, Arambula, Megan Dahle, Mike Fong, Irwin, Maienschein, McCarty, Muratsuchi, Soria, and Wallis.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH ACCESSIBILITY WITHIN NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING COMMUNITIES—STEPHANIE NGUYEN (Chair), Addis, Juan Carrillo, Mike Fong, Jackson, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Soria, Ta, and Valencia.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MOBILITY IN THE GOLDEN STATE—JUAN CARRILLO (Chair), Alanis, Cervantes, Vince Fong, Friedman, Grayson, Holden, Stephanie Nguyen, Robert Rivas, Valencia, and Wicks.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS—RAMOS (Chair), Wendy Carrillo, Cervantes, Garcia, Jones-Sawyer, Mathis, Luz Rivas, Blanca Rubio, Soria, Ting, and Valencia.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY IN CALIFORNIA—ADDIS (Chair), Bennett, Connolly, Dixon, Garcia, Hart, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Luz Rivas, Wood, and Zbur.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON OPPORTUNITIES AND BARRIERS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE WORKPLACE—ORTega (Chair), Alanis, Arambula, Bonta, Jackson, Kalra, McKinnor, and Reyes.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ORANGE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—QUIRK-SILVA (Chair), Davies, Dixon, Pacheco, Petrie-Norris, Santiago, Ta, and Valencia.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PLACE BASED SYSTEMS OF COORDINATED CARE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES—BONTA (Chair), Addis, Alanis, Davies, Haney, Jackson, Ortega, Pellerin, Ramos, Reyes, and Blanca Rubio.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON POLICE REFORM—GIPSON (Chair), Alanis, Bauer-Kahan, Gabriel, Lackey, Low, McCarty, Pacheco, Ramos, Reyes, and Blanca Rubio.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PORTS AND GOODS MOVEMENT—GIPSON (Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Boerner, Bonta, Vince Fong, Lowenthal, Papan, Reyes, Villapudua, Wilson, and Wood.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON POVERTY AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION—BRYAN (Chair), Bauer-Kahan, Boerner, Vince Fong, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Pacheco, Ramos, Luz Rivas, and Santiago.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON RACISM, HATE, AND XENOPHOBIA—MIKE FONG (Chair), Cervantes, Gabriel, Jackson, Low, McKinnor, Ramos, Reyes, and Zbur.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES—ALVAREZ (Chair), Alanis, Bonta, Friedman, Santiago, and Soria.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS—HOLDEN (Chair), Boerner, Juan Carrillo, Cervantes, Chen, Friedman, Muratsuchi, Ramos, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, and Schiavo.
Select Committee on Reparatory Justice—Jones-Sawyer (Chair), Bonta, Bryan, Jackson, Lee, and McCarty.

Select Committee on Reproductive Health—Bauer-Kahan (Chair), Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Bonta, Calderon, Jackson, Stephanie Nguyen, Petrie-Norris, Weber, Wood, and Zbur.

Select Committee on Restorative Justice—McKinnor (Chair), Wendy Carrillo, Friedman, Gipson, Jackson, Kalra, Lee, Waldron, and Wicks.

Select Committee on Retail Theft—Zbur (Chair), Alanis, Alvarez, Bonta, Vince Fong, Haney, McCarty, Ortega, Pacheco, Petrie-Norris, and Schiavo.

Select Committee on Sea Level Rise and the California Economy—Boerner (Chair), Addis, Alvarez, Bennett, Connolly, Dixon, Irwin, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Papan, and Ting.

Select Committee on Serving Students with Disabilities—Addis (Chair), Cervantes, Mike Fong, Hoover, Jackson, Lackey, Maienschein, Mathis, McCarty, Muratsuchi, and Wilson.

Select Committee on the Social Determinants of Health—Weber (Chair), Arambula, Gipson, Kalra, Lackey, Wood, and Zbur.

Select Committee on Social Housing—Lee (Chair), Arambula, Bonta, Juan Carrillo, Vince Fong, Haney, Kalra, Robert Rivas, Schiavo, Ward, and Wicks.

Select Committee on State Parks—Reyes (Chair), Addis, Alanis, Bauer-Kahan, Cervantes, Dixon, Garcia, Gipson, Hart, Stephanie Nguyen, Quirk-Silva, and Robert Rivas.

Select Committee on the Status of Boys and Men of Color—Jones-Sawyer (Chair), Alanis, Mike Fong, Garcia, Gipson, Kalra, Lackey, McKinnor, Ortega, and Robert Rivas.

Select Committee on Streamlining Services for Victims of Interpersonal Violence—Grayson (Chair), Lackey, Stephanie Nguyen, Reyes, Blanca Rubio, Waldron, and Wilson.

Select Committee on Transportation and Emergency Preparedness—Wilson (Chair), Bonta, Vince Fong, Friedman, Gallagher, and Rodriguez.

Select Committee on Wildfire Prevention—Connolly (Chair), Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Vince Fong, Jackson, Papan, Joe Patterson, Luz Rivas, and Wood.

Select Committee on Wine—Aguiar-Curry (Chair), Addis, Davies, Vince Fong, Hart, Pellerin, Robert Rivas, Blanca Rubio, Villapudua, Waldron, and Wicks.

Select Committee on Workforce Development and Diversity in the Innovation Economy—Low (Chair), Chen, Mike Fong, Vince Fong, Irwin, Jackson, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Pacheco, Pellerin, and Villapudua.

Select Committee on Youth Homelessness in San Bernardino County—Ramos (Chair), Cervantes, Holden, Lackey, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Rodriguez, and Wallis.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY

2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Legislative Ethics (6) (Assembly Rule 22.5)—Pacheco (Co-Chair), Chen (Co-Chair), Berman, Megan Dahle, Lackey, and Reyes.
Chief Counsel: Adam E. Silver. 1020 N Street, Room 300. Phone: (916) 319-3752.
JOINT COMMITTEES
(See Joint Rules 36.5 and 36.7)

2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

Joint Committee on the Arts (12) (Resolution Chapter 101, Statutes of 1984. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (6): Rendon (Chair). Boerner, Vince Fong, Lowenthal, Quirk-Silva, and Wallis.

Joint Committee on Fairs Allocation and Classification (14) (Food and Agriculture Code Sections 4531, 4532, 4533, 4534, 4535. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (7): Connolly (Chair). Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Dixon, Mathis, McCarty, and Rodrigue.
—Senate (7): Blakespear (Vice Chair). Alvarado-Gil, Ashby, Caballero, Dahlte, Dodd, and Niello.

Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (8) (Resolution Chapter 88, Statutes of 1981. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (4): Addis (Vice Chair). Bennett, Megan Dahlle, and Ting.
—Senate (4): McGuire (Chair). Cortese, Limón, and Nguyen.
Consultant: Christopher Nielsen.
1021 O Street, Suite 8610. Phone: (916) 651-4338.

Joint Committee on Rules (28) (Joint Rule 40. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (14): Pacheco (Chair). Aguiar-Curry, Cervantes. Flora, Friedman, Gallagher, Jones-Sawyer, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Robert Rivas, Ting, Waldron, and 1 Democratic vacancy.
Chief Administrative Officer: Lia Lopez.
1021 O Street, Suite 6250. Phone: (916) 319-2800.

Joint Legislative Audit (14) (Government Code Sections 10501, 10502, Joint Rule 37.3. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (7): Hart, Hoover, Jim Patterson, Quirk-Silva, Blanca Rubio, Valencia, and Wood.
—Senate (7): Blakespear (Vice Chair). Cortese, Eggman, Gonzalez, Laird, Seyarto, and Wilk.
Chief Consultant: Wesley Opp.
Principal Consultant: Tram Truong.
Secretary: Alexis Foley.
1020 N Street, Room 107. Phone: (916) 319-3300.

Joint Legislative Budget (16) (Government Code Sections 9140, 9141, Joint Rule 37. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (8): Gabriel (Vice Chair). Bennett, Vince Fong, Jackson, Jim Patterson, Quirk-Silva, Valencia, and Weber.
Consultant: Hans Hemann.
1020 N Street, Room 553. Phone: (916) 651-1891.
JOINT COMMITTEES—Continued

2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies (10) (Government Code Section 9147.10. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (5): Connolly (Vice Chair), Wendy Carrillo, Flora, Friedman, and Muratsuchi.
—Senate (5): Stern (Chair), Allen, Blakespear, Hurtado, and Padilla.
Chief Consultant: Ross Zelen.
1021 O Street, Suite 7710. Phone: (916) 296-8598.

Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management (14) (Resolution Chapter 31, Statutes of 2011. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (7): Rodriguez (Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Flora, Hart, Joe Patterson, Schiavo, and Waldron.
—Senate (7): Ashby (Vice Chair), Archuleta, Cortese, Dahle, Eggman, Limón, and McGuire.
Principal Consultant: Cassie Royce.
1020 N Street, Room 568. Phone: (916) 651-4008.
DATES ON WHICH ASSEMBLY MEASURES MAY BE CONSIDERED

Article IV, Section 8 (a), California Constitution

At regular sessions no bill other than the Budget Bill may be heard or acted on by committee or either house until the 31st day after the bill is introduced unless the house dispenses with this requirement by roll call vote entered in the Journal, three-fourths of the membership concurring.

These bills may be considered on the date indicated below, provided the bill has been in print for 30 days as of that date. For the respective 30-day print dates, please refer to the “Print Rule Table” on the following page.

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** Budget Bill not subject to print rule requirement.
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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

RULES

PACHECO, Chair
10 minutes prior to Session — State Capitol, Room 126

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

JOINT HEARING
ASSEMBLY EDUCATION
AND
SENATE EDUCATION

ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI, SENATOR NEWMAN, Chairs
9 a.m. — 1021 O Street, Room 2100

JOINT HEARING CANCELED
### APPROPRIATIONS

**HOLDEN, Chair**

Upon Adjournment of Session — 1021 O Street, Room 1100

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A.B. No. 1316 Irwin. Emergency services: psychiatric emergency medical conditions.
A.B. No. 1408 Wallis. Interdistrict attendance: prohibition on transfers by a school district of residence.
A.B. No. 1570 Low. Optometry: certification to perform advanced procedures.
A.B. No. 1725 McCarty. Law enforcement settlements and judgments: reporting.

SUSPENSE

Measure: Author: Summary:
A.B. No. 428 Waldron. California Department of Reentry.

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Measure:  Author:  Summary:
A.B. No.  1284  Ramos.  Tribal ancestral lands and waters: cogovernance and
comanagement agreements.
S.B. No.  263  Dodd.  Insurance: annuities and life insurance policies.

All witness testimony will be in person; there will be no phone testimony option for
this hearing. You can find more information at www.assembly.ca.gov/committees.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

BUDGET
GABRIEL, Chair
9:30 a.m. — 1021 O Street, Room 1100

GOVERNOR’S PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

All witness testimony will be in person; there will be no phone testimony option for this hearing. You can find more information at www.assembly.ca.gov/committees.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

SELECT COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS
RAMOS, Chair
9:30 a.m. — State Capitol, Room 127

INFORMATIONAL HEARING
SUBJECT: A Year Later: Assessing Feather Alert Implementation

All witness testimony will be in person; there will be no phone testimony option for this hearing. You can find more information at www.assembly.ca.gov/committees.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
ORTEGA, Chair
9:30 a.m. — State Capitol, Room 127

INFORMATIONAL HEARING
SUBJECT: Lack of Labor Law Enforcement for California’s Farmworkers

All witness testimony will be in person; there will be no phone testimony option for this hearing. You can find more information at www.assembly.ca.gov/committees.
A.B. No. 801—Joe Patterson.
An act relating to privacy.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 13—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 14—From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.
Feb. 23—Referred to Coms. on P. & C.P. and ED.
Mar. 22—From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on ED. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar.
(Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (March 21).
Mar. 23—Read second time and amended.
Mar. 27—Re-referred to Com. on ED.

2024
Jan. 12—Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
A.B. No. 316—Aguiar-Curry et al.
An act relating to vehicles.

2023
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Sep. 22—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 316 without my signature.

Among its provisions, this bill would ban driverless testing and operations of heavy-duty autonomous vehicles.

Assembly Bill 316 is unnecessary for the regulation and oversight of heavy-duty autonomous vehicle technology in California, as existing law provides sufficient authority to create the appropriate regulatory framework.

In 2012, the California Legislature provided the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with the authority to regulate the testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles on public roads in California. As part of its oversight and regulatory responsibilities, DMV consults with the California Highway Patrol, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and others with relevant expertise to determine the regulations necessary for the safe operation of autonomous vehicles on public roads.

DMV continuously monitors the testing and operations of autonomous vehicles on California roads and has the authority to suspend or revoke permits as necessary to protect the public’s safety.

Autonomous vehicle technology is evolving and DMV remains committed to keeping our rules up to date to reflect its continued development in California. DMV held public workshops with interested stakeholders earlier this year to inform the development of future rulemakings for both light-duty and heavy-duty autonomous vehicles. This rulemaking will be a transparent, public process where subject matter experts and other stakeholders will have the opportunity to shape the regulations related to the safe operations of autonomous vehicles in California. The draft regulations are expected to be released for
In addition to safety, my Administration has long been concerned with the impact of technology on the future of work - so much so that in 2019 we convened, with participation from a variety of organized labor leaders including the Teamsters, UFCW, and SEIU, a robust Future of Work Task Force. That effort led to the publication of a report that guides our work on issues of emerging technology and its impacts on California’s workforce.

But our efforts don’t end there. I am committed to incentivizing career pathways and training for the necessary workforce specifically associated with this technology. As such, I am directing the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to lead a stakeholder process next year to review and develop recommendations to mitigate the potential employment impact of testing and deployment of autonomous heavy-duty vehicles.

Considering the longstanding commitment of my Administration to addressing the present and future challenges for work and workers in California, and the existing regulatory framework that presently and sufficiently governs this particular technology, this bill is not needed at this time. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

My Administration remains open to working with the author, sponsors, and other stakeholders on the right approach to safely test and deploy this evolving technology in California, while also addressing and mitigating any potential impacts to jobs.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 957—Wilson et al.
An act relating to family law.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 957 without my signature.

This legislation would require a court, when determining the best interests of a child in a child custody or visitation proceeding, to consider, among other comprehensive factors, a parent’s affirmation of the child’s gender identity or gender expression.

I appreciate the passion and values that led the author to introduce this bill. I share a deep commitment to advancing the rights of transgender Californians, an effort that has guided my decisions through many decades in public office.

That said, I urge caution when the Executive and Legislative branches of state government attempt to dictate - in prescriptive terms that single out one characteristic - legal standards for the Judicial branch to apply. Other-minded elected officials, in California and other states, could very well use this strategy to diminish the civil rights of vulnerable communities.

Moreover, a court, under existing law, is required to consider a child’s health, safety, and welfare when determining the best interests of a child in these proceedings, including the parent’s affirmation of the child’s gender identity.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1306—Wendy Carrillo et al.

An act relating to state government.

2023

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Sep. 22—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1306 without my signature.

This bill prohibits the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) from providing any information or responding to a request for coordination from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a federal law enforcement agency, regarding the imminent release of an incarcerated non-citizen, if the person is being released under specific circumstances.

The bill would prevent information sharing and coordination upon a person’s release from CDCR custody for a significant number of people and, as a result, would impede CDCR’s interaction with a federal law enforcement agency charged with assessing public safety risks.

I believe current law strikes the right balance on limiting interaction to support community trust and cooperation between law enforcement and local communities.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

However, as an Administration, we recognize that improvements in this process are important. CDCR will limit how it communicates with ICE as a federal law enforcement agency, so information is only provided to ICE when a non-citizen individual enters prison and is approaching their release date. ICE will determine how it will proceed with its enforcement of federal law.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 966—Davies.

An act relating to shoreline erosion control.

2023
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Sep. 30—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 966 without my signature.

This bill would require the Division of Boating and Waterways and the State Coastal Conservancy to submit a report to the Legislature about shoreline erosion control efforts.

The cost of this one-time report is substantial. In addition, the 2022 and 2023 Budgets provide a combined total of $930 million General Fund to the State Coastal Conservancy for coastal resilience projects. While this funding is not specifically dedicated to coastal erosion, projects funded through these appropriations will address the concerns this measure intends to identify.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1631—Schiavo et al.

An act relating to water resources.

2023

Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Sep. 30—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1631 without my signature.

This bill requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to issue a notice for public participation for certain water right applications if it has not rendered a final determination within 30 years from the date the permit was filed. This would impact a single, current application for a project in the author’s district that is long delayed.

While I appreciate the author’s attempt to provide an opportunity to comment on the water right application in question, the State Water Board formally stated its intent to re-notice the application by the end of this year, rendering this bill unnecessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 85—Weber.

An act relating to health.

2023

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Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor's veto pending. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 85 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to provide coverage and reimbursement to health care providers for social determinants of health screenings, beginning January 1, 2027. The bill would also require the Department of Health Care Access and Information to convene a working group to inform policies on social determinants of health and to submit a report to the Legislature with findings and recommendations by January 1, 2026.

My Administration has made significant investments in policies that contemplate and improve social determinants of health, such as housing, social services, community engagement, economic development, and public education. While I support the overall goal of this proposal, it is duplicative of existing efforts, such as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screenings and the work the Department of Health Care Services is doing through California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). Further this bill may be premature; a standardized social determinants of health screening tool does not yet exist, though there are federal efforts ongoing. Our state policy should align with these national efforts to avoid conflicting policies.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 299—Holden.

An act relating to hazing.

2023

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 299 without my signature.

Beginning January 1, 2025, this bill authorizes a civil action against a public or private institution of higher education by a person harmed by hazing involving an organization affiliated with the educational institution when the institution had direct involvement in, knew of, or “in the exercise of ordinary care reasonably should have known” of the hazing and unreasonably failed to prevent, discover, or stop the hazing.

Hazing has no place in public or private institutions of higher education (IHE). I agree that IHEs that knowingly support hazing or fail to take reasonable steps to prevent hazing should be accountable. However, as drafted, this bill goes much further than that, creating expansive financial exposure even for IHEs that are taking appropriate steps to protect their students from hazing. I encourage the author to more clearly define when liability arises when IHEs have taken statutorily defined reasonable steps to prevent hazing.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 309—Lee et al.

An act relating to housing.

2023

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2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 309 without my signature.

This bill would create the Social Housing Program in the Department of General Services (DGS). The program would identify and produce three social housing projects on excess state-owned property through development or acquisition.

This bill infringes on state sovereignty over state-owned real property by establishing a new process for local government review of state projects authorized under the bill and could potentially cost the state several hundred million dollars in capital expenditures.

State-owned sites identified as suitable for housing development already are being developed as affordable housing through the State Excess Sites program. This program, instituted through Executive Order (EO) N-06-19 and further codified through AB 2233 (Quirk-Silva, Chapter 438, Statutes of 2022) and SB 561 (Dodd, Chapter 446, Statutes of 2022), has already awarded state land for 17 residential or mixed-use projects with significant affordable housing components.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to build more affordable housing in the state, this bill creates new additional cost pressures and must be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly
$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 371—Garcia et al.

An act relating to housing.

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2024
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To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following bills without my signature:

Assembly Bill 371
Senate Bill 18

SB 18 would create the Tribal Housing Grant Program Trust Fund to provide grant funds to tribal entities, and AB 371 would change the current waiver process utilized to assist tribal entities in applying for various housing financing programs administered by the Department.

I want to thank the authors and their supporters for their commitment to providing more safe and affordable housing for California’s tribal residents. These legislative efforts are well-intentioned, and I share the desire to further remove barriers and increase tribal access to housing and homelessness programs.

I signed legislation in 2019 to make tribes eligible for most State housing programs, and I remain committed to doing more. My Administration has provided tribal set asides in a variety of new programs we created, including: $30 million in the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023; $29 million through the first round of the Multifamily Super Notice of Funding Availability, which combines funding for four affordable housing funding programs; $20 million recently awarded through the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention program (HHAP); and a forthcoming Homekey Tribal Entity Notice of Funding Availability of approximately $75 million, to name a few.

But system overhauls such as those included in these two bills need to be made through the budget process where a dedicated grant program to address tribal housing needs - using either new general fund and/or reappropriation of existing tribal set-asides - can be established, along with appropriate program rules to streamline application processes, with more flexible uses to better meet the unique housing needs.
A.B. No. 371—Garcia et al.—continued

of tribal governments.

I am committed to addressing these important issues in next year’s budget and look forward to working with the Legislature and our tribal partners to help deliver these critical dollars to tribal communities where - and how - they are needed.

But for the reasons stated above, I cannot sign these bills.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 469—Vince Fong et al.
An act relating to public records.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 469 without my signature.

This bill, subject to appropriation, would create the Office of the California Public Records Act Ombudsperson within state government. The ombudsperson would be appointed by the Governor, and would be tasked with determining whether denials of public records requests by state agencies complied with the California Public Records Act.

State agencies diligently comply with the Public Records Act, and relief is currently available through the courts for those who feel an agency’s decision was incorrect. This bill would create an unnecessary layer of review by an official who would interpret the law in a manner that may or may not be consistent with case law. Additionally, establishment of this office would result in tens of millions of dollars in cost pressures not considered in the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 576—Weber et al.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023

Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 576 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to update Medi-Cal coverage for medication abortion to align with evidence-based clinical guidelines by March 1, 2024.

This bill is well intentioned, but unnecessary. In July 2023, DHCS updated its medication abortion policies for Medi-Cal to reflect current evidence-based clinical guidelines to reimburse providers for care through 77 gestational days. This aligns with the goal of AB 576 and the priority of this Administration to ensure that abortion care is safe, legal, and accessible.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 589—Boerner et al.
An act relating to homelessness.

2023
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Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 589 without my signature.

This bill, until January 1, 2027 and upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to establish the Unicorn Homes Transitional Housing for Homeless LGBTQ+ Youth Program (Unicorn Program) as a pilot to be administered by local community-based organizations in Sacramento and San Diego Counties.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to providing housing for homeless LGBTQ+ youth, AB 589 creates an unfunded grant program that must be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 608—Schiavo et al.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 608 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to cover additional services as part of Medi-Cal’s Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) and allow non-licensed perinatal health workers to provide services in a beneficiary’s home or community setting, upon federal approval.

I support the author’s goal to improve maternal health outcomes and reduce disparities. However, Medi-Cal already provides full-scope coverage for one year after pregnancy, and DHCS is actively working on a “Birthing Care Pathway” proposal to improve services provided during the perinatal period, reduce maternal mortality, and address disparities in maternal health outcomes. Given the significant ongoing General Fund costs of over $20 million annually to implement this bill, it should be evaluated as part of the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 620—Connolly et al.

An act relating to health care coverage.

2023

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 620 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to cover formulas that are part of a medically necessary diet for the treatment of chronic digestive diseases and inherited metabolic disorders.

While I support individuals with these conditions having access to the nutritional support they may need, I am concerned this bill would exceed the state’s set of essential health benefits, which are established by the state’s benchmark plan under the provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such, this bill’s mandate would require the state to defray the costs of coverage in Covered California. This would not only increase ongoing state General Fund costs, but it would set a new precedent by adding requirements that exceed the benchmark plan. A pattern of new coverage mandate bills like this could open the state to millions to billions of dollars in new costs to cover services relating to other health conditions. This creates uncertainty for our healthcare system’s affordability.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 632—Gipson.
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023

Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 632 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit a health plan contract or insurance policy that is amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1, 2024, from applying a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance for prostate cancer screening services for an enrollee who is at a heightened risk of prostate cancer.

According to the California Health Benefits Review Program, approximately 97% of enrollees currently have coverage for prostate cancer screening without cost sharing and the remaining 3% pay an estimated $10 per screening. While the author’s intent to increase prostate cancer screenings is commendable, this bill exceeds the cost sharing provisions under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such, this bill would result in increased costs to consumers through higher premiums. The State must weigh the potential benefits of all new mandates with the comprehensive costs to the entire delivery system.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 719—Boerner.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023
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2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 719 without my signature.

This bill would require Medi-Cal managed care plans that provide nonemergency or nonmedical transportation to contract with public paratransit service operators for the purpose of establishing reimbursement rates, if federal approvals are obtained.

I support efforts to encourage more public paratransit service operators to enroll as nonmedical transportation providers in Medi-Cal, which is permitted under existing law. It would be beneficial to have more options for nonmedical transportation in the Medi-Cal system. This bill takes a different approach, however, requiring the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to pursue a series of federal approvals that are not currently allowable under federal guidance. It would not be prudent to use state resources for this purpose.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 907—Lowenthal.

An act relating to health care coverage.

2023

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 907 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to cover specific prophylaxis, diagnosis, and treatment of Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) with limited cost sharing.

While I support the author’s goal of ensuring that children with PANS and PANDAS receive the treatment they need in a timely manner, this bill creates a disease-specific mandate and contains provisions that would be duplicative of existing laws for timely access standards and grievance processes through the Department of Managed Health Care and Department of Insurance. Further, this bill removes the medical necessity requirement, which is a standard condition for health plans in determining coverage of specific services.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 931 without my signature.

Beginning January 1, 2025, this bill would prohibit a health plan or insurer from requiring prior authorization for the initial 12 physical therapy treatment visits for a new episode of care. The bill would also require that, prior to treatment, the provider verify an enrollee’s coverage and disclose the enrollee’s cost sharing, maximum out-of-pocket expense per visit, and whether the provider is in-network for the enrollee.

I appreciate the author’s intent to increase access to physical therapy treatment. However, prior authorization, when applied appropriately, can be an important tool to contain health care costs, protect patients from unanticipated billing, and ensure medically necessary care. Further, existing law requires health plans to provide appointments within a timely access minimum standard, even when prior authorization is required.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1015—Calderon et al.
An act relating to children’s health.

2023
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Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1015 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Department of Social Services to administer an expanded Diaper and Wipe Distribution Program in all 58 counties.

The current diaper bank effort was established via the Budget Act of 2021, serving twenty counties throughout California and distributing over one-hundred million diapers to over one million low-income households since its inception. The same budget also exempted diapers from sales tax. While I appreciate the author’s desire to provide additional assistance, an expanded effort should similarly be considered and funded as part of the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1060—Ortega et al.
An act relating to opioids.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1060 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to cover prescription and over the counter naloxone and all other U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs for opioid overdose reversal, with a maximum of $10 cost sharing.

Combating the opioid crisis is one of my top priorities. I appreciate the author’s shared commitment to this critical public health and public safety imperative. Together with the Legislature, we have invested more than $1 billion to combat overdoses, support those with opioid use disorder, raise awareness, and crack down on trafficking. Further, the 2023 Budget Act included $30 million for the CalRx Naloxone Access Initiative, to support partners in developing, manufacturing, procuring, and distributing a low-cost naloxone nasal product.

While I support providing access to opioid antagonists to individuals with opioid use disorder or other risk factors, this bill would exceed the state’s set of essential health benefits, which are established by the state’s benchmark plan under the provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such, this bill’s mandate would require the state to defray the costs of coverage in Covered California. This would not only increase ongoing state General Fund costs, but it would set a new precedent by adding requirements that exceed the benchmark plan. A pattern of new coverage mandate bills like this could open the state to millions to billions of dollars in new costs to cover services relating to other health conditions. This creates uncertainty for our healthcare system’s affordability.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1085—Maienschein.

An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023

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2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1085 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish a Medi-Cal benefit to cover housing support services for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness, subject to an appropriation and federal approval.

My Administration has made significant investments to combat homelessness and provide housing supports. While I appreciate and share the author’s goal to support those who are experiencing homelessness, new Medi-Cal benefits must be considered as part of the annual budget process. For example, the 2023 Budget Act establishes coverage for CalAIM transitional rent, beginning in 2024–25, allowing for up to six months of rent or temporary housing for vulnerable Californians, including those who are or are at risk of becoming homeless.

DHCS estimates additional annual costs to the Medi-Cal program in the range $18.3 million to $40.4 million General Fund to implement this bill. These costs must be considered alongside other budgetary priorities.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1123—Addis et al.
An act relating to the California State University.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1123 without my signature.

This bill requires the California State University (CSU) system to grant an employee a leave of absence with pay for one semester of an academic year, or an equivalent duration in a one-year period, following the birth of a child or in connection with the adoption or foster care placement of a child by the employee.

I vetoed a nearly identical bill last year, citing more than $20 million in fiscal impact outside of the budget process and pending collective bargaining negotiations between the CSU and the California Faculty Association. I implore both entities to come together to resolve this issue during this negotiation.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1215 without my signature.

This bill, upon appropriation of the Legislature, would establish the Pets Assistance With Support Grant Program, to provide services to pets whose owners are experiencing homelessness or are escaping domestic violence.

I have supported funding for shelters to care for pets belonging to those experiencing homelessness through prior budget investments, including $10 million appropriated in 2019 and an additional $1 million in 2022 to fund the Pet Assistance and Support Program (PAS) administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to programs like these which reduce barriers to accessing shelter, this bill would create an unfunded grant program and should be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1248 without my signature.

This bill requires a city or county with more than 300,000 residents, or a school district or community college district with more than 500,000 residents, to establish an independent redistricting commission.

While I share the author’s goal of ensuring community control over the redistricting process, this bill creates a state-reimbursable mandate in the tens of millions and should therefore be considered in the annual budget process.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1432—Wendy Carrillo.
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023
Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1432 without my signature.

This bill would require any out-of-state health insurance plan regulated by the California Department of Insurance (CDI) that is marketed, issued, or delivered to a California resident to provide coverage for abortion, abortion-related services, and gender-affirming care.

I commend the author for working to provide additional assurances that California residents can access abortion services and gender-affirming care. It is a priority of my Administration to ensure that abortion and gender-affirming care are safe, legal, and accessible. However, it is not evident that out-of-state health insurance plans serving Californians do not already cover this care.

Further, though well intentioned, this bill could invite litigation where an adverse ruling would outweigh a potential benefit.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1451—Jackson.

An act relating to health care coverage.

2023

Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1451 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to cover treatment for urgent and emergency mental health and substance use disorders without prior authorization, upon appropriation by the Legislature for administrative costs.

I share the author’s concern regarding the importance of accessible behavioral health services statewide, as evidenced by the billions of dollars we have invested to enhance access to timely and necessary behavioral health care, as well as the programs and reforms implemented to improve our delivery system. Existing law already prohibits prior authorization for emergency care, and requires mental health and substance use disorder services to meet timely access standards. The requirements in this bill would result in significant costs in the tens of millions of dollars, to the state General Fund and to consumers through health plan premium increases. These impacts should be considered as part of the annual budget process.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1478—Cervantes.

An act relating to maternal health.

2023

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1478 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to develop, maintain, and update annually on its website a referral network database of community based mental health providers and support services addressing postpartum depression and prenatal care.

While I support this bill’s intent to increase awareness of mental health and support services for postpartum depression and prenatal care, it is duplicative of existing programs and resources. Last year, I vetoed a similar version of this bill. I do not believe creating another website is necessary.

State programs such as the Adolescent Family Life Program, Black Infant Health Program, California Home Visiting Program, Perinatal Equity Initiative, and the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program work to ensure pregnant and postpartum individuals are assessed, informed, linked, and referred to appropriate health and social services, including mental health. Additional resources can be found on health plan and Medi-Cal insurance websites, county and local health jurisdiction websites, as well as through CalHOPE, which is administered by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1604—Bonta.
An act relating to charter schools.

2023
Sep. 22—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1604 without my signature.

This bill would make changes to the Charter School Facility Grant program (CSFGP) administered by the California School Finance Authority (CSFA) with regard to required admissions preferences, requirements for related parties, declaring nonprofit status, and how charter school properties are sold and leased.

The California State Auditor’s report from earlier this year showed that the CSFGP program was being administered in a manner consistent with the law. It also showed that charter schools that receive the CSFGP grant funds closed less often and were located in areas that needed additional classroom space. Unfortunately, provisions of this bill could have unintended consequences, including increasing facility costs or limiting financing options for charter schools. Furthermore, the potential benefits of the bill are limited and do not outweigh the potential risks to charter school facilities.

Finally, while the report did find areas for improved transparency, those areas can and should be addressed administratively by the CSFA through the regulatory process rather than by legislation.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1645—Zbur.
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1645 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit health plans from imposing cost sharing for specified preventive or screening services and associated office visits and would require plans to directly reimburse nonparticipating essential community providers for sexually transmitted infections (STI) screenings and services.

I appreciate the author’s efforts to increase access to preventive health care, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and STI testing, colorectal screening, and other services. However, components of this proposal depart from structures in federal and state law, such as the existing policies for reimbursement to non-contracted providers. Further, because this bill exceeds the cost-sharing provisions under the Affordable Care Act, it would result in increased costs to health plans passed on to consumers through premiums. The State must weigh the potential benefits of all new mandates with the comprehensive costs to the entire delivery system.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1699 without my signature.

This bill provides current non-probationary classified TK-12 and community college classified staff the right of first refusal for certain new classified positions at their education employer. The bill requires an educational employer to provide its classified employees and their union at least 10 business days’ notice of a job vacancy before the general public is authorized to apply for the position. This bill only authorizes the employer to offer the new position to an external applicant if no qualified, internal candidate applies for or accepts the new position within the employer notice period.

While I support the author’s goal of seeking to provide opportunities for current classified staff to apply for other open positions, this bill may have unintended consequences that are not in the best interest of students. Educational employers and classified staff already have the ability to bargain this issue, and many already have agreements that meet the goals of this bill. Unfortunately, this bill also prohibits future bargaining agreements from implementing their own locally determined process.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 20—Gipson et al.

An act relating to child welfare.

2023

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 20 without my signature.

This bill would expand the circumstances in which a child or a nonminor dependent may petition the juvenile dependency court for reinstatement of parental rights and revise provisions of law pertaining to post-adoption sibling contact.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 57—Kalra et al.
An act relating to forests.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 57 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Pocket Forest Initiative in the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and require CAL FIRE to implement the initiative, as prescribed, with applicable reporting requirements.

This bill results in General Fund impacts not included in the 2023 Budget Act and likely significant ongoing General Fund cost pressure to support grants to complete projects funded through the initiative.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 265—Boerner.

An act relating to taxation, and making an appropriation therefor.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 265 without my signature.

This bill would require annual transfers from the General Fund to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizen Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Fund to ensure the balance each June 30 is $15 million. The PTP Program allows income-eligible homeowners who are seniors, blind, or disabled to defer their property taxes, secured by a lien against the property that is later repaid when the property is sold or refinanced. By design, the PTP Fund is structured to be self-sustaining.

The Department of Finance conducted an analysis of the PTP Program and concluded the program has enough funding for 2023–24, but cannot be sustained without an annual commitment of potentially millions of General Fund dollars to support it thereafter. While I support the PTP Program, discussions regarding this continuous appropriation should be considered in the annual budget process. While I am unable to sign this bill, I look forward to continuing discussions to identify necessary resources in the upcoming fiscal year.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 372—Stephanie Nguyen et al.
An act relating to CalWORKs.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 372 without my signature.

This bill would exempt income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) that is received from an apprenticeship or a pre-apprenticeship program approved by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards for purposes of determining California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) eligibility.

I appreciate the author’s intent to support low-income individuals participating in apprenticeship programs. However, this bill would result in ongoing costs of over $25 million annually, which should be considered as a part of the annual budget process.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 374—Haney.

An act relating to cannabis.

2023

Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislation has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 374 without my signature.

This bill would allow local jurisdictions to permit certain cannabis retailers to prepare and sell food or drinks that do not contain cannabis, as well as host and sell tickets to live events at their licensed premises.

I appreciate the author’s intent to provide cannabis retailers with increased business opportunities and an avenue to attract new customers. However, I am concerned this bill could undermine California’s long-standing smoke-free workplace protections.

Protecting the health and safety of workers is paramount. I encourage the author to address this concern in subsequent legislation.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 404 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), upon appropriation, to evaluate duplicative reporting requirements that affect certified organic grower operations, and to submit a report to the Legislature on its findings.

While I support the author’s goal to reduce regulatory burdens on certified organic operations, this bill is duplicative of existing efforts. CDFA, in collaboration with the California Environmental Protection Agency and State Water Resources Control Board, is currently conducting a project to evaluate reporting requirements on agricultural producers as part of an effort to streamline the administrative processes and optimize information collected by the state. Additionally, the 2023 Budget included resources to continue CDFA’s efforts to streamline licensing, permitting, certification, and registration processes to further reduce the burden of regulatory compliance. The evaluation and reporting required by this bill, however, were not accounted for in the annual budget process and would thus result in additional cost pressures on the General Fund.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 504—Reyes et al.
An act relating to public employment.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 504 without my signature.

This bill would make it unlawful for public employers to take adverse action against public employees for refusing to enter the property of, or perform work for, a public employer involved in a primary strike and would void any policy or collective bargaining agreement prohibiting sympathy strikes.

Unfortunately, this bill is overly broad in scope and impact. The bill has the potential to seriously disrupt or even halt the delivery of critical public services, particularly in places where public services are co-located. This could have significant, negative impacts on a variety of government functions including academic operations for students, provision of services in rural communities where co-location of government agencies is common, and accessibility of a variety of safety net programs for millions of Californians.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 552—Bennett et al.
An act relating to agriculture.

2023
  Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
  Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
  Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 552 without my signature.

This bill directs the California Department of Food and Agriculture, upon appropriation, to establish the Regional Farmer Equipment and Cooperative Resources Assistance Pilot Program and provide resource-limited farmers and ranchers with financial and technical assistance to share equipment.

While I support the author’s goal to assist small-scale farmers and ranchers, this bill would create a new, unfunded grant program that should be considered as a part of the annual budget process.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 624—Grayson.
An act relating to public postsecondary education.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 624 without my signature.

This bill, commencing July 1, 2025, requires the California State University Trustees and requests the University of California Regents, to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments for learning disabilities as proof for academic accommodations for any student who receives financial assistance or is eligible for financial assistance from the institution’s health or disability center. The bill also specifies that state funds will be provided annually for the cost of these services, and that the Department of General Service shall oversee reimbursements to institutions for their documented costs.

While I support the author’s goal of supporting students with learning disabilities, unfortunately, the bill creates at least $5 million in ongoing General Fund costs that are not reflected in the state’s current fiscal plan. Additionally, the Department of General Services may not be the appropriate entity to administer the reimbursement.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 676—Bennett.
An act relating to water.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 676 without my signature.

Current law establishes, as state policy, the highest use of water shall be for domestic purposes. This bill would supplement that policy by specifying what constitutes domestic use, such as human consumption, household gardening and livestock care, and fire suppression.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to clarify existing law, which has remained untouched since 1943, this bill has the potential to introduce unnecessary legal uncertainty. Courts have defined domestic use for nearly half a century, and codifying specific definitions now unnecessarily risks inadvertent omissions.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 699—Weber et al.
An act relating to workers’ compensation.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 699 without my signature.

This bill would extend the rebuttable presumptions currently provided to safety officers for hernia, pneumonia, heart trouble, cancer, tuberculosis, bloodborne infectious disease, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus skin infections (MRSA), meningitis-related illnesses and injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and for illness or injury as a result of exposure to biochemical substances, to lifeguards employed on a year-round, full-time basis in the Boating Safety Unit by the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, but would except application of the skin cancer presumption to lifeguards in that Unit.

A presumption is not required for an occupational disease to be compensable. Although lifeguards engage in hazardous responsibilities, a presumption should be provided sparingly and based upon the unique hazards or proven difficulty of establishing a direct relationship between a disease or injury and the employee’s work. Although well-intentioned, the need for the presumption envisioned by this bill must be supported by clear and compelling evidence.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 782—McKinnor et al.

An act relating to healing arts.

2023

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 782 without my signature.

This bill would exclude reconstitution of a drug pursuant to a manufacturer’s directions, tablet splitting or crushing, capsule opening, or the addition of a flavoring agent from the Pharmacy Law’s definition of compounding.

While I appreciate the author’s intention to maintain the current availability of flavored medication, this bill would create standards for California that do not meet the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary’s guidelines regarding compounding that have been put in place to minimize patients’ risk of harm.

This bill also contradicts AB 973, which I signed in 2019, which required both sterile and non-sterile compounding in California to be consistent with the United States Pharmacopeia guidelines, which ensured clear compounding standards and provided greater consumer safety. This bill would make exceptions to federal guidelines, which would pose a risk to consumers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 867—Friedman.
An act relating to public social services.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 867 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a nonminor dependent to remain in extended foster care beyond the age of 21 until the county has provided the youth with the documents, information, and services needed for their transition.

While I appreciate the author’s work to support foster youth in successfully transitioning into adulthood, this bill will likely cost millions of dollars and must be considered in the annual budget process.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 881—Ting.
An act relating to jury duty.

2023
Sep. 14—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 881 without my signature.

This bill extends the existing pilot program authorizing the Superior Court of San Francisco to pay low-income trial jurors $100 per day for each day of service as a trial juror in a criminal case and expands it to four additional courts as selected by Judicial Council.

While I appreciate the author’s work to create a more equal justice system, this policy needs to be part of budget discussions. In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 912—Jones-Sawyer et al.
An act relating to youth.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 912 without my signature.

This bill would, subject to an appropriation, establish the Violence Reduction Grant Program to be administered by the Department of Justice, re-establish the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program to be administered by the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, and create additional grant programs designed to improve the health and well-being of youths in the State.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to early interdiction and violence reduction efforts, this bill creates new additional cost pressures and must be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 945—Reyes.
An act relating to criminal procedure.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 945 without my signature.

This bill would require, beginning May 1, 2026, each court to report to the Judicial Council the rate of expungements granted to individuals who successfully participated as an incarcerated fire camp member or at an institutional firehouse. It would also require the Judicial Council to report the statewide data regarding these petitions. This bill would sunset on January 1, 2036.

While I appreciate the author’s dedication to ensuring that these individuals can reenter society and obtain meaningful employment, this bill would cost the state millions of dollars and must be considered in the annual budget process.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 970—Luz Rivas et al.
An act relating to insurance.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 970 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Insurance, upon appropriation, to establish and administer the Climate and Sustainability Insurance and Risk Reduction Program and creates eight climate insurance pilot projects to reduce physical risks from flooding and extreme heat in communities with high risks and low insurance uptake.

While I support the author’s goal to expand insurance options in communities where climate risks are currently underinsured, this bill creates a significant state reimbursable mandate and new cost pressures in the millions of dollars that should be considered in the annual budget process.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1065—Jim Patterson.

An act relating to communications.

2023

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1065 without my signature.

This bill specifies that wireless internet service providers are eligible to apply for and receive funding from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) last-mile Broadband Infrastructure Account (BIA) and the Federal Funding Account (FFA).

The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the importance of making broadband service accessible and affordable to ALL Californians. In 2021, I signed into law Senate Bill 156, which invests $6 billion in broadband infrastructure, of which $2 billion is allocated to the streamlined last-mile FFA program to connect households and businesses with time-limited federal funds.

The goal of this last-mile grant program, administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), is to expeditiously connect unserved and underserved communities to future-proof broadband service.

Unfortunately, this bill would delay this effort by requiring the CPUC to halt the FFA program and modify the rules governing this program through a lengthy process. This could jeopardize the CPUC’s ability to meet federal funding encumbrance deadlines and it could significantly disrupt the review of project grant applications that were recently submitted.

As I noted last year in my veto message to Assembly Bill 2749 (Quirk-Silva), we simply cannot afford to delay the implementation of the FFA program, as investing in scalable broadband infrastructure is foundational to connecting every Californian to long-lasting economic opportunity and success.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1079—Jackson et al.
An act relating to discrimination.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1079 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Public Health, subject to appropriation, to establish the Hate Crimes Intervention Program within the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch to implement community interventions in conjunction with community leaders and organizations in communities that have been most impacted by hate crimes. Additionally, the bill requires the Civil Rights Department to create and implement statewide and regional campaigns to discourage discrimination based upon, but not limited to, disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. These are costs not accounted for in the annual budget.

I share the author’s objective to reduce hate crime and discrimination in California, which is why we have funded a comprehensive strategy to fight hate violence and discrimination in the budget. Specifically, the State has invested $150 million for a multi-year grant program to support community services for victims and survivors of hate acts across impacted communities as informed by public data. The State, additionally, established the Commission on the State of Hate to assess data on hate crimes in California, provide resources for victims, and make policy recommendations to better protect civil rights, and announced the launch of CA vs. Hate, a new statewide hotline to report hate acts in California and connect victims with services, among other efforts.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1112—McKinnor.
An act relating to public social services.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1112 without my signature.

This bill would require counties to expand eligibility for the foster youth clothing allowance benefit and the expectant parent benefit to include foster youth who do not reside in an approved placement.

I share the author’s commitment to ensure that foster youth receive the benefits and support services they need. However, the foster care system works to ensure that youth are placed in a safe, stable, and homelike environment. Without an approved placement, foster youth are not eligible to receive foster care payments. As written, this bill could perpetuate foster youth remaining in a placement that is not approved or the safest option for them. Further, because foster care was realigned to counties, the state General Fund would be responsible for offsetting any new county costs for implementation, and such costs should be considered in the context of the broader budget.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1145—Maienschein.
An act relating to workers’ compensation.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1145 without my signature.

This bill would establish a statutory post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) presumption for certain state nurses, psychiatric technicians, and various medical and social services specialists employed by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and the State Department of State Hospitals (DSH), who provide direct care to prison inmates and state hospital patients.

I am a firm supporter of the ability of individuals to seek treatment for mental health conditions and my Administration has initiated multiple programs to provide our valued workforce with mental wellness support during times of trauma. Additionally, the Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Acute Stress Disorder Guideline was adopted in 2019.

PTSD is compensable under the workers compensation system. However, altering the burden of proof through a presumption should be provided sparingly and based upon the unique hazards or proven difficulty of establishing a direct relationship between a disease or injury and the employee’s work. Although well-intentioned, the need for the presumption envisioned by this bill must be supported by clear and compelling evidence.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1207 without my signature.

This bill defines the term “attractive to children” under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (Proposition 64), and expressly prohibits the manufacture, distribution, and sale of cannabis or cannabis-related products that are attractive to children.

When the voters passed Proposition 64, they enacted robust protections shielding youth from exposure to cannabis and cannabis-related products. Among other things, voters prohibited cannabis licensees from using packaging, labeling, marketing, and advertising that is attractive to children. To further this intent, the Department of Cannabis Control promulgated regulations establishing extensive labeling and advertising requirements to ensure commercial cannabis products are not marketed to children.

While I deeply appreciate and agree with the author’s intent, I am concerned that the definition of “attractive to children” used in this bill is overly broad. By prohibiting entire categories of images, this bill would sweep in commonplace designs, and I am not convinced that these additional limits will meaningfully protect children beyond what is required under existing law.

California must continue to refine and advance its regulation of cannabis to protect the health and safety of children. As such, I am directing the Department of Cannabis Control to strengthen and expand existing youth-related cannabis protections - including measures to enhance enforcement of those protections.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1517—Gallagher et al.

An act relating to special education.

2023

Sep. 22—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1517 without my signature.

This bill creates a more specific role for special education local plan areas (SELPAs) to determine school district fiscal and instructional actions for students with disabilities in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), participate in all technical assistance for districts identified as needing assistance based on the performance of their students with disabilities student group, and adds requirements to the SELPA Local Plan related to technical assistance work.

I have championed many efforts to improve outcomes for students with disabilities and have worked with the Legislature to allocate increased special education funding and establish Special Education Resource Leads. This bill does not account for the important changes to California’s school support and accountability system that my Administration worked in partnership with the Legislature to include in the 2023 State Budget requiring districts to specifically address low performance of any student group, including special education students, at the school and district levels in their LCAP. These improvements also provide for related targeted support and assistance from county offices of education and applicable lead agencies in the Statewide System of Support. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1536—Juan Carrillo et al.
An act relating to public social services.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1536 without my signature.

This bill would expand eligibility for the Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled Legal Immigrants (CAPI) program to include all eligible immigrants, regardless of their legal immigration status.

While I appreciate the author’s goal to expand CAPI eligibility regardless of immigration status, enacting this policy without providing funding would not be prudent nor would it meet its intended purpose. My Administration has taken significant steps to support the undocumented community, including the recent expansion of eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status. This year, the 2023 Budget Act includes $40 million to begin automation and outreach efforts to expand the California Food Assistance Program to income-eligible individuals aged 55 years or older, regardless of their immigration status.

This bill would result in significant costs of over $100 million General Fund annually, because CAPI is a state-only program. These costs must be considered alongside other budgetary priorities as part of the annual budget process.

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A.B. No. 1536—Juan Carrillo et al.—continued

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1628—McKinnor et al.
An act relating to environmental health.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1628 without my signature.

This bill would require all new washing machines sold in California for residential or state use to contain a microfiber filtration system by January 1, 2029, and allows the Attorney General or local prosecutors to assess civil penalties for a violation of this requirement.

My Administration takes seriously the need to reduce the presence of microfibers in our wastewater system. The State Water Board is currently assessing the potential impacts of microplastic pollution to aquatic ecosystems in coastal and estuarine environments, as well as humans through exposure in drinking water. However, I am concerned that this bill will increase costs to consumers in advance of further research being completed and establishing the public policy rationale and details for new residential requirements.

In the interim, I encourage the author to consider alternative approaches to incentivize, rather than mandate, the use of filters or other technologies that could remove microfibers in wastewater.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1677—McKinnor et al.
An act relating to public employment.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill AB 1677 without my signature.

This bill requires the University of California, Berkeley, Labor Center to study the salary structure of state scientists represented by State Bargaining Unit 10 and requires the state to implement any increase in compensation resulting from the study.

This bill’s requirement to implement any increase in compensation resulting from the study effectively circumvents the collective bargaining process and limits the state’s ability to consider various economic factors that impact the state or Bargaining Unit 10 members when proposing compensation packages during negotiations.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1726—Kalra.

An act relating to crimes.

2023

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1726 without my signature.

This bill would create a presumption that convictions under various Penal Code sections are legally invalid due to specified defects at the time of the convictions.

When I signed Senate Bill 357 (2022) which repealed penal code section 653.22 (loitering with the intent to commit prostitution), I committed to monitoring crime and prosecution trends for any possible unintended consequences. Given that this legislation was signed just last year, and we continue to monitor, further changes to the law are premature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 37—Bonta et al.
An act relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 37 without my signature.

This bill would expand what qualifies as an allowable use of campaign funds for security-related expenses.

While I support the author’s intention, the bill as drafted does not clearly define “security expenses.” Without more guidance on what would or would not be allowed as a legitimate use of campaign funds, this bill could have unintended consequences and could lead to use of political donations for expenditures far beyond what any reasonable donor would expect. We must ensure political donations are utilized in a manner consistent with their intended purpose.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 41—Holden et al.
An act relating to telecommunications.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 41 without my signature.

This bill makes minor changes to the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (DIVCA). Two years ago, I signed SB 28 (2021), which made minor changes to DIVCA. In signing that bill I encouraged the Legislature to go further on DIVCA reform. Unfortunately, this bill does not go far enough.

While I greatly value and appreciate the efforts made by the author, the changes this bill makes will not meaningfully increase digital equity in California. I am deeply committed to providing access to broadband services to ALL Californians. So much so that in 2021, I worked with the Legislature to pass an historic $6 billion broadband infrastructure investment to bridge the Digital Divide.

If we are going to close the Digital Divide once and for all, we must build on these efforts and consider strategic reforms to the policy tools at our disposal. To that end, I look forward to partnering with the Legislature to further our broadband access and affordability efforts.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 246—Papan et al.
An act relating to product safety.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 246 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit, by 2025, the manufacture, distribution, or sale of menstrual products that contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at a certain concentration level, as well as limit, by 2027, the concentration of total organic fluorine in menstrual products.

This is one of three single-product chemical bans passed by the Legislature this year that attempt to address serious concerns with the presence of PFAS in consumer products. These bills do not identify or require any regulatory agency to determine compliance with, or enforce, the proposed statute.

While I strongly support the author’s intent and have signed similar legislation in the past, I am concerned that this bill falls short of providing enhanced protection to California consumers due to lack of regulatory oversight. Previously enacted single-product chemical bans, which also lack oversight, are proving challenging to implement, with inconsistent interpretations and confusion among manufacturers about how to comply with the restrictions.

In order to instill consumer confidence and effectively address public health and environmental concerns, I am directing the Department of Toxic Substances Control to engage with the author and the Legislature and consider alternative approaches to regulating the use of these harmful chemicals in consumer products.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 249—Holden et al.
An act relating to water.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60
calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to
consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a
law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 249 without my signature.

This bill would require community water systems serving schoolsites with buildings constructed before
January 1, 2010, to test for lead at each of those schoolsites’ potable water system outlets. It also
establishes notification and remediation requirements for local educational agencies if testing results show
certain lead levels for any outlet and requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water
Board) to collect, track, and publicly post certain compliance data, and enforce this bill’s provisions.

Minimizing childhood exposure to lead in drinking water is a critical issue. While I support the author’s
commitment to ensure safe drinking water in schools, this bill contains several problematic provisions and
cannot be implemented as drafted. The bill constitutes an entirely new enforcement role for the State
Water Board, requires the creation of a costly database for tracking compliance and enforcement, and
contains an infeasible implementation timeline.

Although some funding was included in the 2023 budget for testing and remediation, the bill lacks key
provisions for efficiently administering the funding and is inadequate to cover the full cost of
implementation. Additionally, this bill creates a reimbursable state mandate with ongoing Proposition 98
General Fund costs that could range into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion
through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate,
public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year,
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A.B. No. 249—Holden et al.—continued

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 273—Ramos et al.
An act relating to foster care.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 273 without my signature.

This bill would establish additional requirements for social workers, probation officers, and juvenile courts when a child or non-minor dependent (NMD) is missing from foster care, including immediate notification requirements, hearing timelines, and due diligence reporting deadlines.

Locating missing children in foster care is a time-sensitive and critical undertaking for the safety and well-being of the child. More can always be done to protect this vulnerable population, which is why I am directing the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to work with county partners to assess existing protocols and identify any needed improvements. With that information, CDSS will work with the author and stakeholders to inform additional guidance, training, or recommend statutory changes to protect all foster youth, especially tribal youth.

This bill, however, would result in estimated ongoing costs of $10 million General Fund to support the administrative workload for counties, automation costs, and additional workload for the courts, funding not contemplated in the annual budget.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 304—Holden et al.
An act relating to domestic violence.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 304 without my signature.

This bill transfers responsibility for approving and overseeing batterer’s intervention programs from county probation departments to the Department of Justice. This bill also requires the Judicial Council to make changes to judicial training programs on domestic violence.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 376—Villapudua.

An act relating to student financial aid.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 376 without my signature.

This bill would establish a pilot program available until January 1, 2028, for the purpose of expanding Cal Grant C eligibility to students participating in entry-level truck driving programs that meet specific requirements. This bill also requires the California Student Aid Commission, in consultation with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, to submit a report to the Legislature, by April 1, 2027, about the pilot program.

I thank the author for his commitment to address the driver shortage in the trucking industry. However, this bill results in significant General Fund cost pressures and staff workload that are not currently part of the state’s fiscal plan and are more appropriately addressed in the annual budget process.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 384—Calderon et al.
An act relating to school facilities.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 384 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Education to conduct a research study by January 1, 2026, on recommended indoor air temperature ranges and temperature control standards for public K-12 schools and compile a statewide inventory of heating and cooling systems based on a representative sample. The results of the research study would then be used to develop policy recommendations by January 1, 2027, for safe indoor air temperature standards for public K-12 school facilities.

While I appreciate the author’s goal of supporting access to indoor temperatures most conducive to student learning, this bill creates significant long-term cost pressures that are not accounted for in the budget.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 407—Chen.
An act relating to hazardous waste.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 407 without my signature.

This bill would exempt used oil from state regulation as a hazardous waste if it meets the testing, certification, and record-keeping requirements for highly controlled used oil.

Despite meeting certain purity standards, highly controlled used oil is still a hazardous material requiring oversight to mitigate public health and environmental concerns. While I appreciate the author’s intent to provide used oil generators with alternative pathways to more sustainable recycling options, this bill undermines the ability of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to investigate and prove violations of improper used oil management practices.

I encourage the author to work with the DTSC to develop strategies to achieve recyclability of used oil that are consistent with state health and environmental standards.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 448—Juan Carrillo et al.
An act relating to juveniles.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 448 without my signature.

This bill would require a social worker to conduct a family-finding investigation to identify and locate adult relatives within 30 days after a child has been taken into temporary custody and would make changes to reporting and documentation requirements for social workers and probation officers.

My Administration recognizes the value of keeping children connected to their biological and extended families. Children placed with family members have greater placement stability, fewer emotional and behavioral problems, and more connection to their social-cultural communities. Existing law already requires that, if a child is removed from their home, the social worker or probation officer must, within 30 days, investigate to identify adult relatives of the child.

Last year’s Budget Act allocated $150 million General Fund for the Excellence in Family Finding, Engagement, and Support Program, which supports culturally responsive, family-centered, and trauma-informed family-finding and engagement services that focus on maintaining permanent connections for foster children with their family members. The new documentation requirements in this bill would result in ongoing General Fund costs of over $6 million to support the increased administrative workload for county child welfare agencies and county probation departments. Though this policy has merit, its costs must be considered as part of the annual budget process.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 464—Schiavo et al.
An act relating to public documents.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 464 without my signature.

This bill, contingent on appropriation, would provide beneficiaries of specified public assistance programs with the opportunity to receive birth certificates, marriage certificates, and marriage dissolution records at no cost. Additionally, this bill, beginning July 1, 2027, requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide driver’s licenses free of charge to individuals who are homeless.

I appreciate the author’s efforts to provide free driver’s licenses to homeless individuals and no-cost vital records for beneficiaries of government assistance programs; however, this bill would result in tens of millions of dollars in ongoing costs not contemplated in the budget. Additionally, provisions of this bill are similar to AB 2510, which I vetoed last year due to budget impacts. As stated in that message, I believe there are more efficient ways of assisting this population, and I look forward to working with the Legislature on this important issue.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 474—Rodriguez et al.
An act relating to state government.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 474 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Threat Assessment Center (STAC) to prioritize, to the greatest extent possible, cooperation with state and local efforts to illuminate, disrupt, degrade, and dismantle Transnational Criminal Organizations trafficking opioid drugs that pose a threat to California.

Tackling opioid trafficking by Transnational Criminal Organizations is a priority for my Administration, evidenced by our 2023 Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis. We have invested over $1 billion to help stop opioid trafficking and enforce the law, combat overdoses, support those with opioid use disorder, and raise awareness about the dangers of opioids.

The STAC currently has the authority to address and prioritize opioid trafficking, and it already does. Furthermore, the threats facing California are constantly evolving, and law enforcement agencies need flexibility to shift priorities to meet this ever-changing threat landscape. This bill would limit this flexibility, with a detrimental impact on public safety and national security.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 524—Wicks.

An act relating to employment.

2023

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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 524 without my signature.

This bill would add “family caregiver status” as a characteristic protected under the Fair Employment and Housing Act’s employment provisions.

During my tenure as Governor I have consistently advanced policies to help parents and families, including expanding paid family leave and increasing the state’s investment in childcare. While I appreciate the intent of this bill, I am concerned about the large burden it will place on employers, particularly small businesses, especially given the ambiguous nature of the language.

Although the bill does not require employers to provide “special accommodations” based on “family caregiver status,” it is not clear what types of acts would constitute unlawful discrimination and what types of acts would be lawful denials of “special accommodations.” Given this ambiguity, this bill would be difficult to implement and lead to costly litigation for employers in California.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 575—Papan et al.
An act relating to unemployment insurance, and making an appropriation therefor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 575 without my signature.

This bill would expand eligibility for Paid Family Leave (PFL) benefits to include workers who take time off from work to bond with a child for whom they are acting in loco parentis. The bill also removes the restriction that only one family member at a time is allowed to access PFL benefits and also removes the provision that allows an employer to require an employee to use up to two weeks of vacation time before they can access PFL benefits.

I am a strong advocate for and believe in supporting individuals to care for family members or bond with a new child and have worked to expand access to the Disability Insurance (DI) and PFL programs. In 2019, I signed SB 83 which extended the maximum duration of PFL benefits from six to eight weeks. And in 2022, I signed SB 951, which, beginning in 2025, will permanently increase the wage replacement rate for these programs to 70-90 percent based on the individual’s wages. This is significant progress, and I am proud of the advancements we have made in collaboration with the Legislature. This bill, however, would create pressure on the DI Trust Fund’s solvency and adequacy resulting in higher disability contributions paid by employees. In addition, it contains implementation costs not accounted for in the annual budget process.

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A.B. No. 575—Papan et al.—continued

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 603—Cervantes.
An act relating to public postsecondary education.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 603 without my signature.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the California State University Trustees, and requests the University of California Regents, to publish a report on the diversity of the student body and the governing board of their respective segments, on or before July 1 of each year.

I share the author’s commitment to, and take great pride in, the diversity of California’s public higher education systems. My Administration has demonstrated this commitment by making appointments at every level of government, including at the three segments, that reflect both California’s diversity and the diversity of the student body. While I understand the author’s goal, the demographic information regarding the governing board members is optional and self-reported. Additionally, all three segments provide demographic information on their student bodies and biographies of their governing board members, which are easily accessible on their websites.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 695—Pacheco.
An act relating to juveniles.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 695 without my signature.

This bill creates, upon appropriation, the Juvenile Detention Facilities Improvement Grant Program, to be administered by the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, to provide grants to a county of the first class (counties containing a population of 4,000,000) to address the infrastructure needs of the state’s detained and supervised youth in the county.

New grant programs such as the program proposed in this bill must be considered and evaluated in the annual budget process in the context of all state funding priorities.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 727—Weber.
An act relating to product safety.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 727 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit, by 2026, the manufacture, distribution, or sale of cleaning products that contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and would apply this ban, by 2028, to floor sealer or floor finish products.

This is one of three single-product chemical bans passed by the Legislature this year that attempt to address serious concerns with the presence of PFAS in consumer products. These bills do not identify or require any regulatory agency to determine compliance with, or enforce, the proposed statute.

While I strongly support the author’s intent and have signed similar legislation in the past, I am concerned this bill falls short of providing enhanced protection to California consumers due to lack of regulatory oversight. Previously enacted single-product chemical bans, which also lack oversight, are proving challenging to implement, with inconsistent interpretations and confusion among manufacturers about how to comply with the restrictions.

In order to instill consumer confidence and effectively address public health and environmental concerns, I am directing the Department of Toxic Substances Control to engage with the author and the Legislature and consider alternative approaches to regulating the use of these harmful chemicals in consumer products.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 733—Mike Fong et al.
An act relating to firearms.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 733 without my signature.

This bill would, beginning January 1, 2025, prohibit public agencies from selling firearms, ammunition, or body armor. This bill contains exemptions to the general prohibition, including an exemption to allow law enforcement agencies to resell firearms to a licensed firearms dealer who contractually agrees to resell only to a law enforcement agency.

While I applaud the author for efforts to curb gun violence, I am concerned about the cost implications of this legislation. Law enforcement agencies, both local and state, oftentimes sell their firearms to a dealer when they upgrade. I am concerned that this bill, which limits these sales to a dealer who contractually agrees to resell only to a law enforcement agency, will restrict the ability to trade in these firearms and will cost law enforcement agencies across the state millions of dollars at a time when resources are limited, and staffing is low.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 746—Sanchez.

An act relating to student financial aid.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 746 without my signature.

This bill would modify eligibility for the Learning-Aligned Employment Program to remove specific restrictions on students working for public postsecondary educational institutions.

The Learning-Aligned Employment Program was established in 2021 to offer eligible students at public institutions of higher education the opportunity to defray the cost of attendance while gaining education-aligned, career-related employment outside the classroom. It is a priority of my Administration to increase the connectivity between students and career experiences in placements beyond the confines of their college campus. With $500 million committed to this program, it is an essential tool for increasing student awareness of career opportunities as well as developing skills for future career success. The provisions of this bill undermine the intent and purpose of the Learning-Aligned Employment Program.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 748—Villapudua et al.
An act relating to vessels.

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consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a
law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 748 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program and a
multi-agency task force to identify, prioritize, and fund the removal of abandoned and derelict commercial
vessels across the state.

While I support the author’s attempt to create a statewide approach to address abandoned and derelict
commercial vessels in California that pose significant public health, safety, and environmental risks, this
program was not accounted for in the 2023 Budget Act. Implementation across the relevant agencies is
expected to cost about $7.5 million in year 1 with ongoing General Fund impacts.

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disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 753—Papan et al.

An act relating to water quality, and making an appropriation therefor.

2023

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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 753 without my signature.

This bill establishes a new state fund for water quality projects with a focus on providing greenspace within disadvantaged communities and requires forty percent of annual revenue be taken from the Cleanup and Abatement Fund within the State Water Resources Control Board to fund these projects.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to improve clean up of local waterways in disadvantaged communities, this bill reallocates revenue from an oversubscribed fund that is utilized to clean up waste, abate the effects of waste on waters of the state, and address urgent drinking water needs. This funding represents a critical need and we cannot afford to redirect it to a new account.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 811—Mike Fong.

An act relating to community colleges.

2023

Sep. 14—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 811 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a student to repeat, up to two times, a credit course at a California Community College in arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, and English as a second language, if the student previously received a satisfactory grade and is taking the course for enrichment or skill-building purposes.

In recent years, the California Community Colleges (CCC) have been intently focused on improving student success, reducing excess course units and improving transfer rates. While one of the main goals of this bill is help increase enrollment at the CCC, it also creates a fiscal incentive for community colleges to encourage repeating certain credit courses contrary to the Vision for Success, the Roadmap for the California Community Colleges and key legislative efforts, such as AB 705 (Irwin, 2017). My Administration continues to be committed to working with the Legislature, the CCC and stakeholders to find other ways to increase enrollment at the CCC. But this bill moves us away from our shared, stated goals.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 819—Bryan.
An act relating to crimes.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 819 without my signature.

This bill would provide that a third or subsequent fare evasion violation is no longer a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in county jail for a period of not more than 90 days and make it a fine of not more than $400.

Fare evasion continues to be an issue for transit operators across the state, costing them tens of millions of dollars a year. According to one operator, the bulk of the crimes committed in their system are committed by people who have not paid a fare. I cannot take an action to reduce penalties on fare evasion that could, in turn, contribute to an increase in crime on transit.

Given this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 825—Bryan.
An act relating to bicycles.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

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To Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 825 without my signature.

This bill, with limited exceptions, would prohibit local jurisdictions from banning bicycling on sidewalks located adjacent to streets and roads without bike lanes, until January 1, 2031.

I appreciate the author’s commitment to address bicycle safety and enforcement issues; however, the approach in this bill would create serious safety issues - both for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Most sidewalks are not designed for bicyclists to safely use them, and riding on sidewalks would significantly increase the risk of collisions with pedestrians.

Under my Administration, investments to fix and build safe and connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on and across state highways has quadrupled, and Caltrans is planning for even greater levels of investments using historic federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

In addition, the state budget recently included investments in the Active Transportation Program (ATP) with an infusion of $1 billion above and beyond the ongoing funding available for this important program. In its administration of the ATP, the California Transportation Commission has overwhelmingly focused investments to improve biking and walking in disadvantaged communities.

Increasing the vulnerability of pedestrians is not a solution to addressing the safety needs of bicyclists. We need to continue our efforts to deliver the necessary infrastructure in all of our communities for safe bicycle and pedestrian travel.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 843—Juan Carrillo.

An act relating to public social services.

2023

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 843 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to promptly reimburse any benefits issued via the electronic benefits transfer (EBT) system when electronically stolen or lost, including cash and food benefits.

I appreciate the author’s desire to remedy lost EBT cards, as these supports are important resources for the people that receive them. As such, CDSS has been working with counties since 2021 to implement policies to replace electronically stolen CalFresh benefits, and the department has taken several measures to prevent theft in the future. CDSS partners with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to conduct investigations against EBT fraud, blocks early morning and out-of-state ATM withdrawals unless requested, and provides client educational materials informing of the risks of electronic theft and prevention measures. Further, CDSS is launching the ebtEDGE mobile app this year, so cardholders can freeze their card, reset their PIN, and request a new card easily, and additionally will be replacing EBT cards with Chip EMV/Tap cards beginning May 2024.

This bill, however, would create a new mandate for CDSS to reimburse a wider scope of benefits beyond CalFresh, resulting in significant General Fund costs in the tens of millions annually that are not included in the state’s budget. Additionally, this bill may create a state-reimbursable mandate for county welfare departments because it requires a higher level of service.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 859—Gallagher et al.
An act relating to fish and game.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 859 without my signature.

This bill would modify existing law that prohibits the use of temporarily inundated lands for hunting without written permission to instead authorize the use of temporarily inundated navigable waters for hunting.

I support the intent of this bill to clarify the public’s right to navigate temporarily inundated waterways for fishing, hunting, or other enjoyment, as guaranteed by the California Constitution. However, this bill contains overly broad language that could extend access rights beyond the public trust doctrine, thus impacting private property owners’ rights. The bill also creates inconsistency with the definition of navigable waters in the Harbors and Navigation Code, which is likely to result in confusion in communities across California. I encourage the Legislature to refine these revisions in subsequent legislation.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 875—Gabriel.
An act relating to courts.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 875 without my signature.

This bill would, beginning January 1, 2025, require courts to report data to the Judicial Council related to unlawful detainer cases and COVID-19 rental debt in Small Claims Court.

I appreciate the author’s long-standing commitment to increasing access and transparency in the justice system. That said, this bill could cost the state millions of dollars and must be considered as part of the annual budget process. In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 962—Vince Fong et al.
An act relating to identification cards.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 962 without my signature.

This bill, beginning January 1, 2027, would lower by two dollars the California Consumer Price Index-adjusted fee for reduced-fee identification cards.

While I appreciate the author’s efforts to provide financial relief for low-income Californians, this bill creates new additional cost pressures on the Motor Vehicle Account (MVA), which is facing insolvency. Any proposals that increase expenditures or reduce revenues will exacerbate fiscal pressures on the fund and must be considered in the annual budget process in the context of all priorities to be paid from the MVA.

In addition, seniors over the age of 62 and persons who are homeless can already obtain an identification card at no cost. Individuals who meet the income requirements for certain public benefits are eligible for a reduced fee of $10. Because identification cards are valid for six years, the reduction proposed in this bill represents a $0.33 savings per year per eligible customer. There may be more effective ways of providing relief to low-income Californians without negatively impacting the condition of the Motor Vehicle Account.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1002—Irwin et al.
An act relating to taxation.

2023
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2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1002 without my signature.

This bill, beginning with the 2026 tax year, would require the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to develop a form that qualified individuals can use in lieu of a tax return to claim the California Earned Income Tax Credit, the Young Child Tax Credit, and the Foster Youth Tax Credit. This bill would allow the Department of Social Services and Department of Health Care Services to exchange data with the FTB for purposes of implementing the form.

While I appreciate the author’s goal to increase utilization of these credits by eligible individuals, creating a separate form to claim tax credits may create confusion for taxpayers and result in them not claiming other tax credits that they are entitled to under the tax system, including federal tax credits. Further, implementation of this bill would result in ongoing General Fund costs in the millions of dollars not contemplated in the budget.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1057—Weber et al.
An act relating to public health.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 1057 without my signature.

This bill would codify the existing California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) and require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to allocate funds to participating Local Health Departments to implement the CHVP using any federally approved home visiting model. CDPH would be required to submit a report to the Legislature every two years on performance outcomes.

I support the author’s goal to improve maternal, child, and infant health outcomes, and cultivate strong families and communities. For this reason, I am instructing CDPH to ensure there is collaboration with home visiting partners, local health directors, local health officers, and other affected stakeholders to meet local CHVP needs. However, this bill creates new General Fund costs that are not included in the budget, as well as cost pressures if the CHVP approves additional home visiting models outside of the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians.

This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1063—Gabriel.

An act relating to public health.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1063 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to annually review its enforcement of hospital nurse-to-patient ratio regulations and submit a public report with its findings to the Legislature beginning January 1, 2025. The bill would also require CDPH to hold a public hearing at least every two years to receive input from nurses and other stakeholders regarding the efficacy of the department’s enforcement.

I agree it is important to ensure nurse-to-patient staffing ratios are enforced properly for patient safety and maintaining the nursing workforce. However, much of the information this bill seeks to document is already publicly available. Further, this Administration prioritizes ongoing and open engagement with stakeholders. A biennial, public hearing is unnecessary for the state to receive input and make changes. I am directing CDPH to continue actively consulting with nurses and their representative labor groups to identify additional opportunities to increase transparency and communication. Further, I have asked CDPH to update their hospital citations tracking system to include a category specific to nurse-to-patient ratio violations, and to publish this on the Center for Health Care Quality’s State Enforcement Tracking Dashboard.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1202—Lackey et al.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1202 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to prepare a public report including information on each Medi-Cal managed care plan’s network adequacy of pediatric primary care, data on beneficiaries, and reporting on DHCS’ efforts to improve access.

I am a proponent of transparency; however, this bill’s data collection and reporting requirements are largely duplicative of existing efforts. DHCS currently publicly reports on managed care and fee for service adequacy. Each year, DHCS also publishes a Health Disparities Report. Further, DHCS is currently developing the CalAIM dashboard, which will include additional data that aligns with what this bill calls for. The existing data that is available should be evaluated and leveraged before adding new administrative requirements.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1213—Ortega.

An act relating to workers’ compensation.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1213 without my signature.

This bill would provide, until January 1, 2027, that when a utilization review (UR) denial of treatment is overturned by independent medical review (IMR) or by the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board, any temporary disability (TD) payments received during this period would not be included in the maximum aggregate calculation of TD payments.

While I understand the goal of the author and sponsor, there is a lack of data to support such a change. Under the existing workers’ compensation system, employers are required to establish a UR process to evaluate the necessity and appropriateness of requested medical treatments. This process is in place to ensure that employees receive the appropriate evidence-based medical care.

Realigning incentives is an important policy tool to deliver on our shared goal of returning injured workers back to work. Such realignment should be done cautiously to avoid further friction in the system that frustrates the objective of providing timely treatment, prompt payment of benefits and returning injured workers back to work. Unfortunately, this bill does not strike the right balance.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1288—Rendon et al.
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023
Sep. 14—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1288 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit health plans from requiring prior authorization or step therapy for a naloxone product or other opioid antagonist approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), buprenorphine product, methadone, or long-acting injectable naltrexone for detoxification or treatment of a substance use disorder.

I appreciate the author’s intent to increase access to medication for opioid use disorder. My Administration takes the opioid crisis seriously, as evidenced by the over $1 billion invested to combat overdoses, support those with opioid use disorder, raise awareness, and crack down on trafficking. However, utilization review is an important tool to contain health care costs, protect patients from unanticipated billing, and ensure medically necessary care. While immediacy of treatment is important, prior authorization also helps avoid fraudulent requests or abuse of the drugs addressed in this bill, such as methadone.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1356—Haney et al.
An act relating to employment.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1356 without my signature.

This bill would amend the California Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act (Cal/WARN) to, among other things, increase the amount of notice that an employer must provide before a mass layoff, termination, or relocation from 60 days to 75 days; expand the law’s coverage to include contract workers among the employees that an employer must notify; and significantly revise the definition of “covered establishment” to include a single location or a group of locations, including any facilities located in California.

The inclusion of employees of labor contractors, while laudable in its intent, risks imposing liability on client employers who cannot reasonably be expected to know whether their actions will cause job loss for employees of their subcontractors and may not have the information necessary to provide the required notice.

In addition, expanding the definition of “covered establishment” to include a group of locations anywhere in the state and subjects chain businesses, such as restaurants, to the law’s requirements even where layoffs are unrelated and occur in geographically disparate regions of the state. It is not clear that this change is consistent with the purpose of Cal/WARN to protect local communities and enable a rapid response to a potential shock to a local economy and workforce.

I urge the author to work with my Administration to develop solutions that may better address the problem, while fulfilling the objectives of Cal/WARN.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
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A.B. No. 1423—Schiavo.
An act relating to product safety.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1423 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit, by 2026, a person, public entity, or educational institution from purchasing or installing artificial turf that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at a certain concentration level.

This is one of three single-product chemical bans passed by the Legislature this year that attempt to address serious concerns with the presence of PFAS in consumer products. These bills do not identify or require any regulatory agency to determine compliance with, or enforce, the proposed statute.

While I strongly support the author’s intent and have signed similar legislation in the past, I am concerned that this bill falls short of providing enhanced protection to California consumers due to lack of regulatory oversight. Previously enacted single-product chemical bans, which also lack oversight, are proving challenging to implement, with inconsistent interpretations and confusion among manufacturers about how to comply with the restrictions.

In order to instill consumer confidence and effectively address public health and environmental concerns, I am directing the Department of Toxic Substances Control to engage with the author and the Legislature and consider alternative approaches to regulating the use of these harmful chemicals in consumer products.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1435—Lackey.
An act relating to the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1435 without my signature.

This bill would, until January 1, 2027, raise the maximum age of a person who may qualify for appointment to the position of entry level peace officer in the California Highway Patrol (CHP) from 35 to 40 years.

While I appreciate that this bill is intended to help with the recruitment of CHP officers, this bill is not needed at this time. CHP has already taken steps to increase its number of applicants and cadets. As a result of current efforts, CHP is on track to double the number of cadets attending its academy this year compared to last year.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

I am, however, directing CHP to evaluate raising the maximum age for appointment to an entry-level peace officer position at CHP, and whether such a policy could enhance the effectiveness of their recruitment efforts. If they determine that increasing the maximum age would be beneficial to the CHP, my Administration will work with the legislature to advance legislation.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1437—Irwin et al.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1437 without my signature.

This bill would require the Medi-Cal program to automatically approve any prescription refill for serious mental illness (SMI) for a period of 365 days after the initial prescription is dispensed for a beneficiary 18 years or older,

I appreciate the author’s intent to increase Medi-Cal beneficiaries’ access and adherence to SMI drugs. However, this approach does not address the underlying obstacles with medication adherence and would remove clinical safeguards. Currently most medications used for an SMI are covered without prior authorization, and if prior authorization is needed, DHCS provides a response within 24 hours and allows emergency coverage of a drug up to 14 days. In instances where prior authorization is required, it is in place for patient safety. Maintaining utilization control is important to contain health care costs, protect patients, and ensure medically necessary care.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1479—Garcia.
An act relating to pupil health.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 1479 without my signature.

The bill, contingent upon an appropriation, establishes the Pupil Social-Emotional, Behavioral, and Mental Health Program to be administered by the Department of Education. The Program seeks to provide grants to eligible local educational agencies to deliver evidence-based social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health supports to students and families.

Unfortunately, this specific proposal creates additional significant ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund cost pressures up to tens of millions of dollars that are not accounted for in the state budget plan and may be duplicative of other investments made in prior budgets. The 2021 Budget Act provided $50 million to support the Scale Up Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Statewide Initiative, which provides grants to support schools in implementing services or practices aligned to the MTSS framework. Additionally, the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative is a $4.7 billion investment towards ensuring that every Californian aged 0-25 has increased access to behavioral health supports.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1489—Wood.
An act relating to solid waste.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1489 without my signature.

This bill would specify that compostable covered materials are not subject to the source reduction requirements of the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54), thereby exempting compostable plastics.

Last year, I signed SB 54 (Allen, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022), which established a comprehensive regulatory framework and the nation’s most ambitious goals to reduce single-use plastic in this state. It also set aggressive timelines for the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to implement a new and complex program.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to support compostable materials, the changes proposed by this bill will interfere with CalRecycle’s ability to meet its statutory obligations to adopt regulations by January 1, 2025, as set by the Legislature. I encourage the author and stakeholders to work with CalRecycle on the issue this bill seeks to address in the regulatory process.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1512—Bryan et al.
An act relating to foster care.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1512 without my signature.

This bill would require counties to take additional actions relating to foster youth eligibility for all federal Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits and would prohibit using a child’s benefits to pay for any costs of the child’s care.

I share the author’s commitment to ensure that foster youth receive the benefits and support services they need. However, this bill creates implementation challenges that should be considered as part of the annual budget process. Both Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and foster care benefits are intended to provide for the daily care and supervision of youth, including costs for housing and food. If counties are not permitted to use SSI to cover the cost of providing care to foster youth, the General Fund will need to offset those costs. This was not contemplated as part of the budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1593—Garcia et al.

An act relating to employment.

2023

Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1593 without my signature.

This bill would establish the Equitable Access Program, which would prioritize employment opportunities for local residents in the Salton Sea geothermal resources area in construction, manufacturing, technical, maintenance, operations, or reclamation activities.

I strongly support efforts to enhance employment opportunities in communities with high unemployment and historic underinvestment. My administration has already awarded $750,000 in grants to the Lithium Valley High Road Partnership and the Imperial Valley Lithium Stakeholder Working Group to support the creation of good, high paying jobs for underserved Californians. These partnerships were created and are led by local stakeholders and are focused on economic development and job creation related to Lithium Valley. Provisions of this bill are duplicative of work already underway and, until this foundational work is complete, additional monitoring and tracking requirements are premature.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1612 without my signature.

This bill would authorize a licensed primary care clinic to construct or acquire certain primary care clinic facilities and deem those new facilities to be in compliance with the minimum construction standards of adequacy and safety.

I support the author’s goal to encourage expansion of primary care clinics to increase their capacity to provide care. However, this bill removes important health and safety protections for patients, clinic staff, and the public. Every primary care clinic, regardless of location, should meet the applicable state licensing standards and building codes. This bill exempts certain facilities from those safety measures.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1614—Gabriel et al.
An act relating to air resources.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1614 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC), in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, to conduct a study on the statewide transition of fuel stations from gasoline to alternative fuels.

This bill will result in additional costs to the General Fund and the CEC’s primary operating fund, which is currently facing an ongoing structural deficit. This bill exacerbates the CEC’s operating funds structural imbalance. Additionally, many provisions of this bill are duplicative of existing law, which requires the CEC, in consultation with various state entities, to prepare a transportation fuels transition plan by December 31, 2024.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing. With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1741—Waldron.
An act relating to healing arts.

2023
Sep. 22—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1741 without my signature.

This bill would revise training requirements for unlicensed laboratory personnel, change the scope of work authorized, and clarify the level of supervision required.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to address the licensed workforce shortage in labs and improve testing capacity, this bill contains a provision that could enable unlicensed laboratory personnel to perform tasks that exceed their level of training, posing a danger to the health and safety of Californians. As a result, this bill could conflict with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act, a federal law that prohibits individuals who do not meet the specified education and training requirements from performing any aspect of the analytical phase of testing.

I encourage the author and stakeholders to work with the Department of Public Health on a solution that ensures that personnel performing specified testing have the skills necessary to reliably receive accurate results.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 616—Rodriguez et al.
An act relating to health care.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 616 without my signature.

This bill would require the Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA) and the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) to publicly disclose audited financial reports and comprehensive financial statements of provider and physician organizations.

Just last year, the OHCA was established within the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) to develop data-informed policies and to create a state strategy for controlling the costs of health care while ensuring affordability. The OHCA is authorized to receive financial information from the DMHC, with specific provisions regarding confidentiality and use.

While I support transparency, this policy is premature. Given the OHCA is in its initial stages of implementation, any additional requirements and associated impacts should be evaluated following full implementation of existing law.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE FROM
INACTIVE FILE

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A.C.R. No. 85—Villapudua.
Relative to the Master Sergeant Richard Pittman Memorial Highway.
Vote required: 41

2023
May 24—Introduced. To print.
May 25—From printer.
May 26—Referred to Com. on TRANS.
Jul. 6—From committee: Be adopted. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (July 5).
Jul. 10—From Consent Calendar. Ordered to third reading.
Sep. 5—Ordered to inactive file at the request of Assembly Member Villapudua.

2024
Jan. 12—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by Assembly Member Villapudua.

* Indicates Assembly Member who will carry measure on floor.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE FROM INACTIVE FILE—Continued

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S.B. No. 400—Wahab. (Ortega)*
An act relating to peace officers.
Vote required: 41

2023
May 15—In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
May 26—Referred to Com. on PUB. S.
Jun. 6—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.
Jun. 14—Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.
Jun. 15—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Sep. 6—In Senate. Concurrence in Assembly amendments pending.
Sep. 7—Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 40. Noes 0. Page 2469.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.
Sep. 11—Withdrawn from engrossing and enrolling. Action rescinded whereby Assembly amendments were concurred in, and the bill ordered to engrossing and enrolling. Ordered to the Assembly.
Sep. 11—In Assembly. Held at Desk.
Sep. 13—Action rescinded whereby bill was read third time, passed, and ordered to Senate. Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Bryan.

2024
Jan. 12—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by Assembly Member Ortega.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION

107

A.B. No. 985—Arambula et al.
An act relating to air pollution.
Vote required: 41

2023
Sep.  12—In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending.
Sep.  13—Assembly refused to concur in Senate amendments. (Ayes 38. Noes 21.) Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member Arambula.
Sep.  14—Motion to reconsider continued.

2024
Jan.  3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12—Motion to reconsider continued.

108

A.B. No. 1043—Essayli.
An act relating to real property.
Vote required: 41

2023
Sep.  12—In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending.
Sep.  14—Assembly refused to concur in Senate amendments. (Ayes 22. Noes 15.) Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member Essayli.

2024
Jan.  3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12—Motion to reconsider continued.
A.B. No. 83—Lee et al.
An act relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.
Vote required: 54

2022
Dec. 16—Introduced. To print.
Dec. 17—From printer. May be heard in committee January 16.

2023
Jan. 4—Read first time.
Jan. 26—Referred to Com. on ELECTIONS.
Mar. 15—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (March 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Mar. 29—In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 1—Ordered to inactive file at the request of Assembly Member Lee.

2024
Jan. 3—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by Assembly Member Lee.
Jan. 4—From inactive, placed on file.
A.B. No. 1550—Bennett.

An act relating to energy.

Vote required: 41

2023

Feb. 17—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 18—From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.
Mar. 9—Referred to Coms. on U. & E. and NAT. RES.
Apr. 13—From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. (Ayes 11, Noes 4.) (April 12).
Apr. 17—Read second time and amended.
Apr. 18—Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES. From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.
Apr. 19—Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Apr. 25—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8, Noes 3.) (April 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
May 17—In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
May 18—Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. (Page 1580.)
May 22—From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 11, Noes 4.) (May 18). Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
May 23—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 1—Ordered to inactive file at the request of Assembly Member Bennett.

2024

Jan. 8—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by Assembly Member Bennett.
Jan. 9—From inactive, placed on file.
A.B. No. 772—Jackson.

An act relating to care facilities.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 13—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 14—From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.
Mar. 2—Referred to Com. on U. & E.
Mar. 27—In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
Apr. 17—From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on U. & E. Read second time and amended.
Apr. 18—Re-referred to Com. on U. & E.
Apr. 20—Re-referred to Com. on HUM. S. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.
Apr. 26—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 25). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended.
Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Withdrawn from committee.
Re-referred to Com. on HUM. S.
Jan. 10—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

A.J.R. No. 9—McKinnor et al.
Relative to housing.
Vote required: 41

2023
Aug. 23—Introduced. To print.
Aug. 24—From printer.
Aug. 31—Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

2024
A.B. No. 734—McCarty.
An act relating to youth athletics.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 13—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 14—From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.
Feb. 23—Referred to Com. on A., E., S., & T.

2024
Jan. 11—Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
Jan. 12—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

A.B. No. 1333—Ward et al.
An act relating to real property.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 16—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 17—From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.
Mar. 23—Referred to Com. on JUD. From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on JUD. Read second time and amended.
Mar. 27—Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on JUD. Read second time and amended.
Jan. 4—Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 12—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
SENATE THIRD READING FILE

115

S.B. No. 339—Wiener et al. (Low)*
An act relating to prescription drugs, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.
Vote required: 54

2023
May 23—In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
May 26—Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and B. & P.
Jun. 16—June 20 hearing postponed by committee.
Jun. 28—From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on B. & P. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (June 27).
Jun. 29—Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.
Jul. 11—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 17. Noes 0.) (July 11). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Aug. 16—August 16 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.
Sep. 1—From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (September 1). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.
Sep. 5—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Sep. 11—Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Low.

2024
Jan. 3—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by Assembly Member Low.
Jan. 4—From inactive, placed on file.
Jan. 8—Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

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A.B. No. 661—Joe Patterson.
An act relating to mobilehome parks.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 9—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 10—From printer. May be heard in committee March 12.
Apr. 13—Referred to Com. on H. & C.D. From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.
Apr. 17—Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

2024
Jan. 10—From committee: Do pass. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8, Noes 0.) (January 10).
Jan. 11—Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.
A—1  A.B. No. 554—Gabriel et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to corporations.

2023
May 25—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Gabriel.

A—2  A.B. No. 846—Bonta. (Third Reading)
An act relating to low-income housing.

2023
May 25—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bonta.

A—3  A.B. No. 984—McCarty et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to pupil instruction.

2023
Aug. 24—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member McCarty.

A—4  A.B. No. 1290—Luz Rivas. (Third Reading)
An act relating to public health.

2023
May 31—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Luz Rivas.

A—5  A.B. No. 1516—Kalra. (Third Reading)
An act relating to employment.

2023
May 31—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Kalra.

A—6  A.B. No. 742—Jackson et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to law enforcement.

2023
May 31—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Jackson.

A—7  A.B. No. 747—McCarty et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to business.

2023
Jun. 1—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member McCarty.

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A—8  A.B. No. 1595—Bryan et al. (Third Reading)  
An act relating to elections.  
2023  
Jun. 1—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—9  A.B. No. 9—Muratsuchi. (Third Reading)  
An act relating to greenhouse gas emissions.  
2023  
Jun. 1—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Muratsuchi.

A—10  A.B. No. 61—Bryan. (Third Reading)  
An act relating to criminal procedure.  
2023  
Jun. 1—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—11  S.B. No. 477—Committee on Housing (Senators Wiener (Chair)) et al. (Third Reading)  
An act relating to land use, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.  
2023  
Aug. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Hart.

A—12  S.B. No. 636—Cortese. (Third Reading)  
An act relating to workers’ compensation.  
2023  
Aug. 28—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Ortega.

A—13  S.B. No. 819—Eggman. (Third Reading)  
An act relating to Medi-Cal.  
2023  
Aug. 28—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—14  A.C.R. No. 85—Villapudua. (Third Reading)  
Relative to the Master Sergeant Richard Pittman Memorial Highway.  
2023  
Sep. 5—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Villapudua.

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A—15  S.B. No. 74—Dodd et al. (Third Reading)
   An act relating to technology, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

   2023
   Sep.  6—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—16  S.B. No. 577—Hurtado. (Third Reading)
   An act relating to fire safety.

   2023
   Sep.  6—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—17  S.B. No. 80—Laird. (Third Reading)
   An act relating to civil law.

   2023
   Sep.  7—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—18  S.B. No. 551—Portantino et al. (Third Reading)
   An act relating to mental health.

   2023
   Sep.  8—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Blanca Rubio.

A—19  S.B. No. 830—Smallwood-Cuevas et al. (Third Reading)
   An act relating to public works.

   2023
   Sep.  8—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Kalra.

A—20  S.B. No. 762—Becker. (Third Reading)
   An act relating to local correctional facilities.

   2023
   Sep. 11—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—21  S.B. No. 632—Caballero. (Third Reading)
   An act relating to elections.

   2023
   Sep. 11—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Blanca Rubio.

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A—22  **S.B. No. 803—Becker. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to employment.  
*2023*  
Sep. 11—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Santiago.

A—23  **A.B. No. 262—Holden. (Concurrence)**  
An act relating to children’s camps.  
*2023*  
Sep. 11—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Holden.

A—24  **S.B. No. 336—Umberg. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to state grants.  
*2023*  
Sep. 11—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Stephanie Nguyen.

A—25  **S.B. No. 357—Portantino et al. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to vehicles.  
*2023*  
Sep. 12—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Davies.

A—26  **S.B. No. 445—Portantino et al. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to special education.  
*2023*  
Sep. 12—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Boerner.

A—27  **S.B. No. 586—Eggman. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to flood management.  
*2023*  
Sep. 12—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Hart.

A—28  **S.B. No. 422—Portantino. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to environmental quality.  
*2023*  
Sep. 12—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Garcia.

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A—29  S.B. No. 675—Limón et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to fire prevention.

2023
Sep.  12—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Wicks.

A—30  S.B. No. 683—Glazer et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to business.

2023
Sep.  13—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Berman.

A—31  S.B. No. 400—Wahab. (Third Reading)
An act relating to peace officers.

2023
Sep.  13—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—32  S.B. No. 479—Padilla. (Third Reading)
An act relating to unemployment insurance.

2023
Sep.  13—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Alvarez.

A—33  S.B. No. 301—Portantino et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to air pollution.

2023
Sep.  13—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Wilson.

A—34  S.B. No. 233—Skinner et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to transportation electrification.

2023
Sep.  13—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Weber.

A—35  A.B. No. 280—Holden et al. (Concurrence)
An act relating to segregated confinement.

2023
Sep.  14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Holden.

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A—36  **A.B. No. 1770—Committee on Emergency Management (Assembly Members Rodriguez (Chair)) et al. (Concurrence)**
An act relating to emergency services.

2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Rodriguez.

A—37  **S.B. No. 427—Portantino. (Third Reading)**
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Zbur.

A—38  **S.B. No. 572—Stern et al. (Third Reading)**
An act relating to natural gas.

2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Schiavo.

A—39  **S.B. No. 537—Becker. (Third Reading)**
An act relating to local government, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—40  **S.B. No. 674—Gonzalez et al. (Third Reading)**
An act relating to air pollution.

2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—41  **S.J.R. No. 5—Durazo et al. (Third Reading)**
Relative to the Office of Management and Budget.

2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—42  **S.B. No. 50—Bradford et al. (Third Reading)**
An act relating to vehicles.

2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

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A—43  **S.B. No. 94—Cortese et al. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to sentencing.  
2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Kalra.

A—44  **S.B. No. 450—Atkins. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to land use.  
2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—45  **S.B. No. 441—Bradford. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to criminal procedure.  
2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—46  **A.C.A. No. 4—Bryan et al. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to elections.  
2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—47  **A.B. No. 241—Reyes et al. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to air pollution, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.  
2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Reyes.

A—48  **A.C.R. No. 38—Alvarez. (Third Reading)**  
Relative to freeway lids.  
2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Alvarez.

A—49  **A.C.R. No. 81—Bryan et al. (Third Reading)**  
Relative to Foster Care Month.  
2023  
Sep. 14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

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**JAN**
- 01/03 - Legislature is back in session! Welcome back.
- 01/10 - Governor must submit the budget.
- 01/12 - Last Day for Policy Committees to review fiscal bills for odd-numbered year.
- 01/19 - Committees to work on hearing and reporting bills in the odd-numbered year.
- 01/19 - Deadline to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- 01/31 - Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in the odd-numbered year.

**FEB**
- 02/16 - Last day to introduce bills. Get them in!

**MAR**
- 03/21 - Spring Recess begins. Enjoy!

**APR**
- 04/01 - Legislature is back in session! Welcome back.
- 04/26 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report to Approps committees.

**MAY**
- 05/03 - Last day for Policy Committee to finish hearings on non-fiscal bills.
- 05/10 - Last day for policy committees to meet.
- 05/17 - Last day for Approps committees to hear and report bills.
- 05/17 - Last day for Approps committees to meet.
- 05/20 - 05/24 - Floor session only
- 05/24 - Houses to pass introduced bills.
- 05/28 - Committee meetings resume.

**JUN**
- 06/15 - Budget Bill to be passed by midnight.
- 06/27 - Deadline for legislative measures aiming for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot.

**JUL**
- 08/05 - Legislature is back in session! Welcome back.
- 08/16 - Last day for Approps committees to meet and report bills.
- 08/19 - 08/31 - Floor session only
- 08/23 - Last chance to make floor amendments.
- 08/31 - Last day for houses to pass bills.
- 08/31 - Final Recess begins. Enjoy!

**AUG**
- 07/03 - Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills.
- 07/03 - Summer Recess begins. Enjoy!
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SENATE ORDER OF BUSINESS

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2. Prayer by the Chaplain.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Privileges of the Floor.
5. Communications and Petitions.
6. Messages from the Governor.
7. Messages from the Assembly.
8. Reports of Committees.
10. Introduction and First Reading of Bills.
11. Consideration of Daily File:
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### Diagram of Senate Chamber, Showing Members and Seating Arrangement—2023–24 Regular Session

![Diagram of Senate Chamber]

**Senatoris Est Civitatis Libertatem Tueri**—It is the Duty of the Senators to Protect the Liberty of the People

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**Order of Business**

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- Reports of Committees
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- The Journal—Daily Record of the Day's Business
- The History—Weekly Shows Latest Action on Bills

**Senators and Members**

- Niello of Fair Oaks
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- Archuleta of Pico Rivera
- Smallwood-Cueva of Los Angeles
- González of Long Beach
- Roth of Riverside
- Dodd of Napa
- Alvarenga-Gi of Jackson
- Becker of Menlo Park
- Wiener of San Francisco
- Allen of Santa Monica
- Dahle of Bieber
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- Secaira of Merced
- Wilk of Santa Clarita
- Eggman of Stockton
- Menjivar of San Fernando Valley
- Portantino of Burbank
- Rubio of Baldwin Park
- Limón of Santa Barbara
- Blakespear of Encinitas
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- Stern of Los Angeles
- Nguyen of Huntington Beach
- Jones of San Diego
- Caraballo of Merced
- Bradford of Gardena
- Newman of Fullerton
- Umeo of Santa Ana
- Laird of Santa Cruz
- Ashby of Sacramento
- Skinner of Berkeley
- Wahr of Hayward
- Cortese of San Jose
- Glazer of Contra Costa

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- Padilla of San Diego
- Atkins of San Diego
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- Durazo of Los Angeles

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WEEKLY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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### TENTATIVE SENATE CALENDAR 2024 REGULAR SESSION

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May 20 - 24 — Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(10)).

May 24 — Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).

May 27* — Memorial Day.

May 28 — Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).

June 15 — Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).

June 27 — Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).

July 3 — Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment of session provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

July 4* — Independence Day.

Aug. 5 — Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Aug. 16 — Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(14)).

Aug. 19 - 31 — Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference and Rules committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(15)).

Aug. 23 — Last day to amend on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

Aug. 31 — Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)), (J.R. 61(b)(17)). Final Recess begins upon adjournment of session provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Sep. 30 — Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor’s possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).

Dec. 2 — 12 m. convening of the 2025–26 Regular Session (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

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Jan. 1 — Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

*Holiday schedule subject to Senate Rules Committee approval.
**DATES ON WHICH SENATE MEASURES MAY BE HEARD**

JOINT RULE 55: No bill other than the Budget Bill may be heard or acted upon by committee or either house until the bill has been in print for 30 days.

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**BUDGET MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR**

**LAST DAY FOR SENATE POLICY COMMITTEES TO HEAR AND REPORT 2023 SENATE FISCAL BILLS TO APPROPRIATIONS**

**LAST DAY TO SUBMIT BILL REQUESTS TO LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL**
Monday, January 29  
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30  
Floor Session, 10 a.m.*

Wednesday, January 31  
Floor Session, 9 a.m.*

**LAST DAY TO PASS SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED IN 2023**

Thursday, February 1  
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

Monday, February 5  
Floor Session, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6  
Check-in Session

Wednesday, February 7  
Check-in Session

Thursday, February 8  
Floor Session, 9 a.m.

Monday, February 12  
Floor Session, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13  
Check-in Session

Wednesday, February 14  
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Thursday, February 15  
Check-in Session

Friday, February 16  
**LAST DAY FOR BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED**

Monday, February 19  

Tuesday, February 20  

Wednesday, February 21  

Thursday, February 22  

Monday, February 26  

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**PRESIDENTS’ DAY**

Floor Session, 2 p.m.

Check-in Session

Floor Session, 9 a.m.

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Check-in Session

Floor Session, 9 a.m.
Monday, March 18  Floor Session, 2 p.m.
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SPRING RECESS BEGINS UPON ADJOURNMENT

Friday, March 29  CESAR CHAVEZ DAY OBSERVED

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RECONVENE FROM SPRING RECESS
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Friday, April 26  LAST DAY FOR POLICY COMMITTEES TO HEAR AND REPORT FISCAL SENATE BILLS TO APPROPRIATIONS

Monday, April 29  Floor Session, 2 p.m.
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Wednesday, May 1  Check-in Session
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Friday, May 3  LAST DAY FOR POLICY COMMITTEES TO HEAR AND REPORT TO THE FLOOR NON-FISCAL SENATE BILLS
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Friday, August 16  LAST DAY FOR FISCAL COMMITTEES TO MEET AND REPORT BILLS TO THE FLOOR

AUGUST 19 THROUGH AUGUST 31 - FLOOR SESSION ONLY. NO COMMITTEES, OTHER THAN THE CONFERENCE OR RULES COMMITTEES, MAY MEET FOR ANY PURPOSE

Monday, August 19  Floor Session, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, August 20  Floor Session, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, August 21  Floor Session, 10 a.m.
Thursday, August 22  Floor Session, 10 a.m.
Friday, August 23  Floor Session, 9 a.m.

LAST DAY TO AMEND BILLS ON THE FLOOR

Monday, August 26  Floor Session, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, August 27  Floor Session, 10 a.m.*
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LAST DAY TO REMOVE BILLS FROM THE INACTIVE FILE

Friday, August 30  Floor Session, 10 a.m.*
Saturday, August 31  Floor Session, 9 a.m.*

LAST DAY FOR EACH HOUSE TO PASS BILLS
FINAL RECESS BEGINS UPON ADJOURNMENT

* Dependent upon condition of the file.
COMMITTEE HEARINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

APPROPRIATIONS
PORTANTINO, Chair
11:30 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 2200
(TELEVISITED)

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

MEASURES TO BE HEARD IN FILE ORDER

S.B. No. 26 Umberg. Mental health professions: CARE Scholarship Program.
S.B. No. 230 Seyarto. Income tax: health savings accounts. (Tax Levy)
S.B. No. 294 Wiener. Health care coverage: independent medical review.
S.B. No. 533 Limón. Income taxes: credit: childcare. (Tax Levy)
S.B. No. 559 Min. Offshore oil drilling: leases.
S.B. No. 691 Portantino. State Board of Education: student members.
S.B. No. 733 Glazer. Solitary confinement.
S.B. No. 764 Padilla. Minors: online platforms.

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JOINT HEARING
SENATE EDUCATION AND ASSEMBLY EDUCATION
SENATOR NEWMAN AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI, Chairs
9 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 2100

JOINT HEARING CANCELED

EDUCATION
NEWMAN, Chair
9 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 1200
(TELEVISIONED)

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING
SUBJECT: Presentation by the California Association of Student Councils
All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW
SKINNER, Chair
1:30 p.m.
1021 O Street, Room 1200

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING
SUBJECT: Overview of the Governor’s 2024–25 Proposed Budget

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

INSURANCE
RUBIO, Chair
1:30 p.m.
1021 O Street, Room 2100

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

OVERSIGHT HEARING
SUBJECT: California Department of Insurance: Sustainable Insurance Strategy
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

JOINT HEARING
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW
SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2 ON RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AND ENERGY

ALLEN AND BECKER, Chairs
9 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 2100

All witness testimony will be in person. There will be no teleconference service for this hearing.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

SUBJECT: Cap and Trade Rulemaking
S.B. No. 827—Glazer.
An act relating to transportation.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 17—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 21—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.
Mar. 1—Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and JUD.
Mar. 21—Set for hearing April 11.

2024
Jan. 3—Set for hearing January 9.
Jan. 4—Set for hearing January 11 in JUD. pending receipt.
Jan. 10—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (January 9). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 11—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (January 11). Re-referred to Com. on APPR. From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Jan. 12—Withdrawn from committee. Ordered to second reading.
S.B. No. 275—Grove.

An act relating to oil and gas.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 275 without my signature.

This bill would require appointment of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to be subject to Senate confirmation. I share the Legislature’s desire for appointments to be made effectively and transparently, especially when considering California’s ambitious and time-sensitive clean energy and carbon neutrality goals.

However, an appointee to this position already undergoes an extensive and exhaustive identification, evaluation, and selection process, a process that ensures the appointee is experienced and fully capable of carrying out our shared policy objectives of protecting public health, safety, and the environment. Additionally, this position falls under the direction and oversight of the Director of Conservation, a gubernatorial appointee that is subject to Senate confirmation.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Jul. 13—Shall Senate Bill 275 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 493—Min et al.
An act relating to air pollution.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 493 without my signature.

This bill would expand the scope of several assessments and strategies developed by the California Energy Commission (CEC) and California Air Resources Board (CARB) related to zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure.

However, this bill results in costs to the CEC’s primary operating fund, which is currently facing an ongoing structural deficit, and thus exacerbates the fund’s structural imbalance.

Additionally, many provisions of this bill are currently being incorporated into relevant ZEV infrastructure planning processes at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in consultation with both the CEC and CARB. At best, this bill’s provisions may duplicate these efforts and, at worst, may complicate this work and lead to misaligned interagency work streams.

We must ensure that the CPUC, CEC and CARB utilize their core competencies and focus their expertise and existing resources on improving ZEV infrastructure planning processes. This bill falls short of accomplishing this goal.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Sep. 30—Shall Senate Bill 493 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 686—Durazo et al.
An act relating to domestic workers.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 686 without my signature.

This bill, among other provisions, would require all household domestic service employers to comply with and adhere to all applicable occupational safety and health regulations by January 1, 2025, and remove the exemption of domestic workers from safety and health laws, with the exception of services that are publicly funded.

While I commend the author for the commitment to the wellbeing of workers in our state and share the spirit behind the legislation, new laws in this area must recognize that private households and families cannot be regulated in the exact same manner as traditional businesses.

SB 686 as written would make private household employers immediately subject to the full set of existing workplace safety and health regulations governing businesses in the state, starting January 1, 2025. These obligations range from the requirement to establish an effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program to providing an eyewash station if household workers use chemicals like bleach, to implementing a Hazard Communication Program. Additionally, the current penalty scheme was meant for businesses and not private individuals. For a domestic employer covered by SB 686, these penalties could be up to $15,000 per violation depending on the circumstances.

That said, my Administration is committed to the wellbeing of domestic workers. I just signed a budget that includes $35 million in funding for grants to community-based organizations for domestic worker education and outreach. And two years ago, I signed SB 321, which established an advisory committee to make recommendations on how to protect the health and safety of domestic service employees. The committee discussed the importance of allowing employers the opportunity to learn about their obligations and correct any violations voluntarily before formal enforcement occurs. Unfortunately, SB 686 does not identify which specific standards domestic employers would be required to follow, nor does it outline an industry-specific system for investigation or enforcement as discussed and recommended by the Advisory Committee.
The households that employ domestic workers include middle- and low-income families and older Californians who require daily assistance, ranging from personal care to home cleaning to childcare. I am particularly concerned given that approximately 44% of the households that employ domestic workers are low-income themselves, that this bill creates severe cost burdens and penalties for many people who cannot afford them.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Sep. 30—Shall Senate Bill 686 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 799—Portantino et al.

An act relating to unemployment compensation, and making an appropriation therefor.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 799 without my signature.

This bill allows individuals who left work due to a trade dispute to become eligible for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. The bill also codifies case law that employees who left work due to a lockout by their employer, even if it was in anticipation of a trade dispute, are eligible for UI benefits.

California employers fund UI benefits through contributions to the state’s UI Trust Fund on behalf of each employee. The UI financing structure has not been updated since 1984, which has made the UI Trust Fund vulnerable to insolvency. Any expansion of eligibility for UI benefits could increase California’s outstanding federal UI debt projected to be nearly $20 billion by the end of the year and could jeopardize California’s Benefit Cost Ratio add-on waiver application, significantly increasing taxes on employers. Furthermore, the state is responsible for the interest payments on the federal UI loan and to date has paid $362.7 million in interest with another $302 million due this month. Now is not the time to increase costs or incur this sizable debt.

I have deep appreciation and respect for workers who fight for their rights and come together in collective action. I look forward to building on the progress we have made over the past five years to improve conditions for all workers in California.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Sep. 30—Shall Senate Bill 799 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 17 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) within the State Treasurer’s Office to revise the regulations for the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) to increase the housing-type goal for senior developments from 15 percent to 20 percent.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to increase the supply of affordable housing for seniors, statutorily mandating this change may adversely impact access to affordable housing for other population groups.

TCAC already has the authority to revise its regulations, which can be done in conjunction with a robust stakeholder process to inform any adjustments. This bill would bypass that process.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 17 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 18—McGuire et al.
An act relating to housing.
Vote required: 27

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning the following bills without my signature:

Senate Bill 18
Assembly Bill 371

SB 18 would create the Tribal Housing Grant Program Trust Fund to provide grant funds to tribal entities, and AB 371 would change the current waiver process utilized to assist tribal entities in applying for various housing financing programs administered by the Department.

I want to thank the authors and their supporters for their commitment to providing more safe and affordable housing for California’s tribal residents. These legislative efforts are well-intentioned, and I share the desire to further remove barriers and increase tribal access to housing and homelessness programs.

I signed legislation in 2019 to make tribes eligible for most State housing programs, and I remain committed to doing more. My Administration has provided tribal set asides in a variety of new programs we created, including: $30 million in the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023; $29 million through the first round of the Multifamily Super Notice of Funding Availability, which combines funding for four affordable housing funding programs; $20 million recently awarded through the Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention program (HHAP); and a forthcoming Homekey Tribal Entity Notice of Funding Availability of approximately $75 million, to name a few.

But system overhauls such as those included in these two bills need to be made through the budget process where a dedicated grant program to address tribal housing needs - using either new general fund and/or reappropriation of existing tribal set-asides - can be established, along with appropriate program rules to streamline application processes, with more flexible uses to better meet the unique housing needs of tribal governments.

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I am committed to addressing these important issues in next year’s budget and look forward to working with the Legislature and our tribal partners to help deliver these critical dollars to tribal communities where - and how - they are needed.

But for the reasons stated above, I cannot sign these bills.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 18 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)

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S.B. No. 52—Durazo et al.
An act relating to elections.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 52 without my signature.

This bill requires a charter city with a population of at least 2.5 million people to establish an independent redistricting commission, if one is not already required by the city’s charter.

While I agree with the goal of the author’s proposal, this bill is contingent on the enactment of Assembly Bill 1248, which I have vetoed.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 52 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 58—Wiener et al.
An act relating to controlled substances.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 58 without my signature.

This bill would, beginning on January 1, 2025, decriminalize the possession, preparation, obtaining, or transportation of specified quantities of mescaline, dimethyltryptamine (DMT), psilocybin, and psilocyn, for personal use by persons 21 years of age or older. This bill would also decriminalize the therapeutic use of the substances following the Legislature’s adoption of a framework governing therapeutic use.

Both peer-reviewed science and powerful personal anecdotes lead me to support new opportunities to address mental health through psychedelic medicines like those addressed in this bill. Psychedelics have proven to relieve people suffering from certain conditions such as depression, PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and other addictive personality traits. This is an exciting frontier and California will be on the front-end of leading it.

California should immediately begin work to set up regulated treatment guidelines - replete with dosing information, therapeutic guidelines, rules to prevent against exploitation during guided treatments, and medical clearance of no underlying psychoses. Unfortunately, this bill would decriminalize possession prior to these guidelines going into place, and I cannot sign it.

I urge the legislature to send me legislation next year that includes therapeutic guidelines. I am, additionally, committed to working with the legislature and sponsors of this bill to craft legislation that would authorize permissible uses and consider a framework for potential broader decriminalization in the future, once the impacts, dosing, best practice, and safety guardrails are thoroughly contemplated and put in place.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023 Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 58 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B.  No.  90—Wiener et al.
An act relating to health care coverage.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 90 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit health plans from imposing a copayment of more than $35 for a 30-day supply of an insulin prescription drug.

Bringing down the costs of prescription drugs, and particularly insulin, has long been a priority of mine. People should not be forced to go into debt to get lifesaving medicines. In March, I announced the state’s partnership with Civica to create our own line of CalRx biosimilar insulins that will cost no more than $30 per 10mL vial or $55 for five 3mL cartridges. This is a fraction of the current price for most insulins, and CalRx biosimilar insulins will be available to insured and uninsured patients nationwide. With CalRx, we are getting at the underlying cost, which is the true sustainable solution to high-cost pharmaceuticals. With copay caps however, the long-term costs are still passed down to consumers through higher premiums from health plans. As a state, we have led the nation in our efforts and investments to address the true underlying costs of insulin prescription affordability.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct.  7—Shall Senate Bill 90 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 257—Portantino et al.

An act relating to health care coverage.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 257 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to provide coverage without cost-sharing for screening mammography, medically necessary diagnostic or supplemental breast examinations, diagnostic mammography, testing for screening or diagnostic purposes, and medically necessary diagnostic breast imaging.

I appreciate the author’s efforts to improve access to preventive health care services, particularly breast cancer. Breast cancer screenings save lives, which is why health plans already must provide coverage for primary screening mammograms, without cost sharing for women aged 40 to 74. However, this bill exceeds the cost sharing provisions under the Affordable Care Act. As such, this policy would result in unknown costs to health plans passed on to consumers through premiums. The State must weigh the potential benefits of all new mandates with the comprehensive costs to the entire delivery system.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 257 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 271—Dodd et al.

An act relating to powered wheelchairs.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 271 without my signature.

This bill would outline right to repair requirements for businesses that repair complex rehabilitation technology (CRT) powered wheelchairs and would prohibit the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) from requiring prior authorization for the repair of a CRT powered wheelchair if the cost of the repair does not exceed $1,250.

While I appreciate the author’s efforts to increase accessibility and affordability for CRT wheelchair users, prior authorization is a key safeguard for cost containment and prevention of abuse in the Medi-Cal program. Further, setting a monetary threshold for prior authorization in statute creates an additional barrier, should the amount need adjustment in the future.

While I am unable to sign this bill, I am directing DHCS to review the current treatment authorization request policies for complex rehabilitative technology powered wheelchairs and make any necessary adjustments administratively.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 271 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 390—Limón.

An act relating to greenhouse gases.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 390 without my signature.

This bill makes certain actions related to voluntary carbon offsets subject to the False Advertising Law, including with respect to offsets that a person knows, or should have known, do not durably reduce greenhouse gases in an amount equal to the “atmospheric lifetime” of carbon dioxide emissions.

I support the author’s intent to bring greater transparency to the verification, issuance, and sale of voluntary carbon offsets, and to address the problem of so-called “junk offsets.” However, by imposing civil liability for even unintentional mistakes about offset quality, this bill could inadvertently capture well-intentioned sellers and verifiers of voluntary offsets, and risks creating significant turmoil in the market for carbon offsets, potentially even beyond California. I encourage the author to consider an alternative approach to ensuring voluntary carbon offset quality that avoids these unintended consequences.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 390 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 403—Wahab et al.
An act relating to discrimination.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 403 without my signature.

This bill would define “ancestry” for purposes of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Unruh Act, and the Education Code to include “caste” and other dimensions of ancestry.

In California, we believe everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, no matter who they are, where they come from, who they love, or where they live. That is why California already prohibits discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other characteristics, and state law specifies that these civil rights protections shall be liberally construed. Because discrimination based on caste is already prohibited under these existing categories, this bill is unnecessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 403 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 420 without my signature.

This bill would revise the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) environmental permitting authority over specific types of electric transmission projects, which would largely reassign this responsibility to local agencies.

While I agree with the author’s intent to accelerate the development of new and needed electric transmission projects to move electricity from clean energy resources to consumers, this bill compounds existing permitting complexity for these projects by devolving permitting authority of mid-sized electric transmission projects from a single state agency to local agencies.

Building out the electric transmission system is critical for delivering clean electricity to customers from our growing portfolio of zero-carbon resources. I welcome further partnership with the Legislature to develop targeted policies that would accelerate the development of this needed electric infrastructure. Last year and this year, I signed a number of bills that advance our electric infrastructure needs, helping us progress towards our decarbonization goals. We should build on these efforts thoughtfully. To that end, I’m directing my Administration to work through the infrastructure Strike Team established by Executive Order N-8-23 to do just this.

I look forward to advancing these efforts through the Strike Team to avoid any unintended consequences that will further complicate statewide electric transmission planning and delay permitting for these projects.

For these reasons I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 420 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 433—Cortese.

An act relating to school and community college employees.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 433 without my signature.

This bill requires an impartial third-party hearing officer to hear disciplinary appeals of permanent classified personnel at school or community college nonmerit districts. This bill also requires the district to pay for the third-party hearing officer, and for the third-party hearing officer to be jointly selected by the district and the classified employee from a list of arbitrators, unless the parties agree otherwise.

Under the status quo for certificated employees, the district absorbs the full cost of appeals hearings if the employee prevails. If it is determined that the certificated employee should be dismissed or suspended, the cost is shared equally with the State and the district. This bill for classified employees requires districts to bear the full costs of a disciplinary hearing before an arbitrator, no matter the outcome. This could increase the number of appeals and would create significant costs for the State and must be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 433 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 486—Hurtado.
An act relating to interscholastic athletics.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 486 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Interscholastic Federation to hold all state football championship games at a neutral location that is comparable to the location of all other championship games, except under specified circumstances.

The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) has already begun taking steps to hold state football championship games for all divisions at comparable neutral locations as called for in this bill. Once fully implemented later this year, these changes will provide equal opportunities for all participating schools, regardless of their division or financial resources. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023
Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 486 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 619—Padilla et al.
An act relating to electricity.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 619 without my signature.

This bill would allow an electric investor-owned utility (IOU) that applies to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a certificate or a permit authorizing the new construction of any electrical transmission project to separately apply to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Building out the electric transmission system is critical for delivering clean electricity to customers from our growing portfolio of zero-carbon resources. While I share the author’s goal to improve electric transmission permitting to expedite needed project development, decentralizing permitting between two agencies creates new coordination challenges, requires duplicative staffing, disrupts the sequencing of permitting workstreams and impedes the ability of either agency to consider the full scope of an electric transmission project. Ensuring that a single agency can account for and mitigate both significant costs to electric ratepayers and environmental impacts can lead to better results for Californians.

I welcome further partnership with the Legislature to develop targeted policies that would accelerate the development of needed electric infrastructure. Last year and this year, I signed a number of bills that advance our electric infrastructure needs, helping us progress towards our decarbonization goals. We should build on these efforts thoughtfully. To that end, I’m directing my Administration to work through the infrastructure Strike Team established by Executive Order N-8-23 to do just this.

For these reasons I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 619 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 635—Menjivar et al.
An act relating to health care coverage.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 635 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to cover medically necessary hearing aids for individuals under 21 years of age, up to $3,000 per individual hearing aid without any cost sharing, beginning January 1, 2025.

I am committed to ensuring that hearing impaired children have access to the services and supports they need, including hearing aids. Today, children can receive hearing aids and related services through the California Children’s Services (CCS) program or through Medi-Cal. In July 2021 we launched the Hearing Aid Coverage for Children Program (HACCP) within the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for those who do not qualify for hearing aids through CCS or Medi-Cal.

HACCP was created to improve access and coverage for children’s hearing aids, a shared goal of this proposed bill. Unlike HACCP, however, SB 635 would exceed the state’s set of essential health benefits, which are established by the state’s benchmark plan under the provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such, this bill’s mandate would require the state to defray the costs of coverage in Covered California. This would not only increase ongoing state General Fund costs, but it would set a new precedent by adding requirements that exceed the benchmark plan. A pattern of new coverage mandate bills like this could open the state to millions to billions of dollars in new costs to cover services relating to other health conditions. This creates uncertainty for our healthcare system’s affordability, particularly when we have developed an alternative program that can serve the target population.

That said, improving access to hearing aids for children is a priority for my Administration. We can, and we must, do better for these children and their families as we implement HACCP. To this end, I am directing my Administration to explore increases to Medi-Cal provider payments with the goal of incentivizing additional provider participation in HACCP, increasing access for youth in need of hearing aids.

In addition, DHCS has developed a comprehensive plan to increase provider participation and program enrollment. These improvements will enable HACCP to reach and serve more children, which is our shared goal.

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Specifically, in the next six months, DHCS will take a variety of steps to help patients maximize benefits, including: (1) partnering with other state entities to promote participation and awareness of HACCP, (2) completing translations for HACCP related materials into 18 languages, (3) implementing a streamlined annual eligibility renewal process to simplify provider enrollment, (4) conducting outreach to Medi-Cal providers not yet participating in HACCP to support their participation, (5) hosting quarterly webinars with providers and stakeholders, and (6) continuing to identify potential service improvements and strategies to increase program success.

Given the structural concerns this bill presents to our healthcare system and the opportunity to improve the existing HACCP to accomplish the same objectives, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 635 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 657—Caballero et al.
An act relating to homelessness.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 657 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Council) to coordinate with the Department of Aging, Continuums of Care, and Area Agencies on Aging to convene a working group to develop best practices and training for those assisting older adults to prevent and overcome homelessness.

While I agree with the underlying intent of the bill, some of its provisions are duplicative of the Council’s current efforts with member Departments, including the Department of Aging, to establish best practices and provide support for this population. These efforts include the State’s recent partnership with the federal government through the ALL INside Initiative, which includes a specific focus on supporting older adults. In addition, the State has also produced the Master Plan for Aging, a comprehensive 10-year blueprint that outlines how the State will address housing solutions for older adults by 2030, including efforts for enriching services and housing for older Californians. I look forward to working with the author to build on these efforts thoughtfully, but at this time, legislation is not necessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 657 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 694 without my signature.

This bill would require self-measured blood pressure devices and related services to be covered benefits within the Medi-Cal program.

While I appreciate the author’s goal to support Medi-Cal beneficiaries with hypertension and related conditions, new Medi-Cal benefits must be considered as part of the annual budget process. In 2022, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) added coverage for self-measured blood pressure devices into the Medi-Cal pharmacy benefit. However, the addition of patient education, data collection, and required communication about treatment plans is an expansion of covered services. DHCS estimates additional annual costs to the Medi-Cal program in the millions of dollars from the General Fund to implement this bill. These costs must be considered alongside other budgetary priorities.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 694 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 773—Glazer.
An act relating to CalWORKs.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 773 without my signature.

This bill would require counties to consider an expanded definition of income for purposes of calculating total monthly household income for CalWORKS Permanent Homeless Assistance (HA) Program eligibility. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) would be required to collect statewide data regarding HA and convene a statewide stakeholder advisory group.

I appreciate the author’s intent to get more people at risk of homelessness into permanent housing. My Administration has made significant investments to combat homelessness and provide housing supports. However, this bill would result in an ongoing annual fiscal impact to the state of more than a million dollars a year. These costs must be considered alongside other budgetary priorities as part of the annual budget process.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 773 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 842—Bradford.
An act relating to energy.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate

I am returning Senate Bill 842 without my signature.

This bill amends provisions of SB X1-2 (Skinner), enacted during the 2022–2023 Special Session on high gasoline prices, related to the California Energy Commission’s (CEC) development of regulations governing oil and gasoline refinery turnaround and maintenance. This bill would require the CEC to consult with the Department of Industrial Relations in addition to other entities already required by SB X1-2, and to consider the existing statutory process safety management standards when evaluating ways to manage refinery maintenance.

I support the bill’s intent to avoid any adverse impacts to the safety of employees and surrounding communities in the development of regulations. This is why SB X1-2 already provides several safeguards to that effect, including a requirement to consult with the State Labor and Workforce Development Agency and labor and industry stakeholders. It would be imprudent to sign this bill so soon after the effective date of SB X1-2 and before the CEC has fully contemplated implementation of the refinery maintenance portions of that law.

This has become more relevant than ever with the recent and somewhat sudden price increases of gasoline observed and shared publicly by our new Division or Petroleum Market Oversight created with the new authorities provided by SB X1-2. This bill could create a barrier to the CEC’s ability to protect consumers from unnecessary gasoline price spikes caused by interruptions in petroleum supply.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 7—Shall Senate Bill 842 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 303 without my signature.

This bill would amend the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (the Act) by: 1) revising the definition of “recycling,” 2) revising the definition of “responsible end markets,” and 3) adding an arbitration process for affected parties to contest and revise an approved implementation plan.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to clarify certain provisions within the Act, this bill will interfere with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)’s ability to meet its statutory obligation to adopt regulations pursuant to the Act by January 1, 2025. I encourage the author and stakeholders to work with CalRecycle through the regulatory process on the issues this bill seeks to address.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
S.B. No. 373—Menjivar.
   An act relating to professions and vocations.
   Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 373 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Board of Psychology, and the Veterinary Medical Board from disclosing on the internet the public address of record of a licensee or registrant.

I appreciate the author’s goal to provide additional safety to these providers; however, this bill would serve as an impediment for patients seeking access to their medical records, as a patient would need their provider’s address to make a request. Absent access to addresses on board websites or other publicly accessible sources, patients may need to submit a public records act request to obtain the address needed to request access to their medical records. This could result in a significant delay for patients seeking to obtain their medical records.

There are already protections in existing law for providers that work from their homes and seek to maintain their privacy, including the use of a post office box that avoids the need to disclose their home address. The safety of healthcare providers is paramount, but I cannot support a measure that would restrict patient access when effective alternatives exist to protect the safety and privacy of providers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Shall Senate Bill 373 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 391—Blakespear.

An act relating to workers’ compensation.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 391 without my signature.

This bill would create a rebuttable presumption of industrial causation for skin cancer under the workers’ compensation system to specified peace officers of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Parks and Recreation.

A presumption is not required for an occupational disease to be compensable. I vetoed AB 334 in 2021 which was nearly identical to this bill. As stated in my previous veto message, such presumptions should be provided sparingly and should be based on the unique hazards or proven difficulty of establishing a direct relationship between a disease or injury and the employee’s work. Although well-intentioned, the need for the presumption envisioned by this bill is not supported by clear and compelling evidence.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 391 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 541—Menjivar et al.

An act relating to sexual health.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 541 without my signature.

This bill requires all public high schools to make free condoms available to students and would prohibit retailers from refusing to sell condoms to youth.

While evidence-based strategies, like increasing access to condoms, are important to supporting improved adolescent sexual health, this bill would create an unfunded mandate to public schools that should be considered in the annual budget process.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 541 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 565—Caballero et al.
An act relating to taxation.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 565 without my signature.

This bill would require the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to provide a free tax return preparation program to individuals eligible for the California Earned Income Tax Credit, the Young Child Tax Credit, and the Foster Youth Tax Credit. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services and the Department of Health Care Services to exchange data with the FTB for purposes of administering this free tax return preparation program.

While I am supportive of the author’s goal of reducing barriers to tax filing and ensuring eligible families receive credits, this bill would result in ongoing General Fund costs in the millions of dollars to implement.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 565 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 641 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to make all U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved formulations and dosage strengths of naloxone, or any other opioid antagonist, available through the Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP).

The NDP was created to combat the opioid crisis by providing free naloxone in a dosage strength that is safest for public use. Since October 2018, the NDP has provided more than 2.5 million free naloxone kits to first responders, community and harm reduction organizations, schools, public health agencies, and others.

Though well intentioned, this bill could lead to the distribution of formulations and dosage strengths which may not be suited for the general public and may be more costly than other equally effective formulations. If it is determined that there is a need to add new formulations or dosages to the NDP in the future, that can be accomplished administratively.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 641 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 664—Stern.

An act relating to energy.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 664 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to include in their quarterly Joint Reliability Planning Assessment (JRPA) status updates on transmission projects, energy infrastructure projects, and the use of fossil fuels as part of the Strategic Reliability Reserve, and to post this information online.

While I support the author’s attempt to daylight the development and use of specific energy infrastructure, this bill is redundant of existing efforts and duplicates requirements in other bills that I recently signed. To achieve our clean energy and climate goals, we must ensure that the relevant agencies’ planning and reporting efforts are coordinated and aligned. Unfortunately, this bill does not achieve that objective.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 664 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 665—Allen.
An act relating to solid waste.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 665 without my signature. This bill would require the California Environmental Protection Agency to establish a working group of state entities to develop a policy framework by July 1, 2026, for evaluating plastic alternatives in order to inform policy decisions designed to create a more sustainable and circular economy.

I thank the author for the commitment to reduce plastic pollution and support California’s transition to a circular economy. However, the creation of a new working group is unnecessary and duplicative of existing efforts within my Administration.

Last year, I signed the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022), which established a comprehensive regulatory framework and aggressive goals to reduce single-use plastic in this state. To implement this framework and meet its statutory requirements, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery is in the process of conducting needs assessments, source reduction studies, end market studies, industry surveys, and waste characterization studies. This work, coupled with other Administration efforts, will provide insight for the same policy objectives this bill seeks to achieve.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 665 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 751 without my signature.

This bill prohibits franchise agreements for solid waste handling services entered into or substantially amended by a city or county on or after January 1, 2024, from containing a “force majeure” provision that excuses the service provider from complying with the agreement in the event of a work stoppage associated with a labor dispute.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to prevent disruptions in local waste hauling services, I do not believe a change to state law is necessary. Local jurisdictions voluntarily enter into franchise agreements and currently have the ability to negotiate amendments to such contracts without legislation.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 751 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 777—Allen.
An act relating to solid waste.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 777 without my signature.

This bill authorizes grocery stores and retail chains subject to the statewide single-use plastic bag ban to provide customers with opportunities to return reusable grocery bags for recycling. It also requires large stores to submit annual reports to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to track the revenue stores receive from the 10-cent bag fee, and make those reports available to an authorized representative with a collective bargaining agreement.

I thank the author for the commitment to ensure continued success of California’s single-use plastic bag ban, and I support providing consumers with more convenient options to recycle carryout bags. However, I am concerned that the data collection and reporting provisions in this bill will impose an undue burden on stores, large and small across the state, without a clear public benefit or improvement to implementation of the bag ban.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 777 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 822—Durazo et al.
An act relating to employment.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 822 without my signature.

This bill creates the Interagency High Road Act and requires the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) to consult with stakeholders, including public input, on the development and evaluation of high road metrics. It also requires certain state agencies to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the CWDB to incorporate high road evaluation metrics in the state agency’s procurement processes, contracts, and incentive programs.

I strongly support efforts to maximize state and federal funding opportunities while delivering high quality jobs that increase opportunity for all communities and decrease disparities in historically disadvantaged areas. To further this work, I issued an Executive Order to accelerate clean infrastructure projects with an all-of-government strategy for planning and development and tracking progress toward equity goals that support disadvantaged communities - including good jobs. California’s Infrastructure Strike Team is also driving collaboration across state agencies - including in the area of workforce training and development. Additionally, the Department of General Services and the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development are supporting implementation of AB 2019 (2022), to advance equitable inclusion and utilization of small and diverse businesses in California’s state procurement and contracting opportunities.

Additionally, I have signed several bills that ensure public contracting dollars are also investing in human infrastructure, including SB 150 that requires the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Government Operations Agency, and the State Transportation Agency to convene relevant stakeholders and draft recommendations to ensure that investments maximize benefits to marginalized and disadvantaged communities. The recommendations are due by March 30, 2024.

It is advisable to allow time for those policies to be implemented before adding more requirements that may duplicate efforts.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 822 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 81—Skinner et al.
An act relating to parole.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 81 without my signature.

This bill would establish that a parole candidate who has been denied parole by the Board of Parole Hearings (Board) after reaching their minimum parole-eligible date, youth parole-eligible date, or elderly parole-eligible date has made a prima facie case for habeas relief. This bill, additionally, would modify the judicial standard of review for a parole denial by the Board to require the parole denial to be overturned unless the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the person presents a current, unreasonable risk of danger to others. Finally, this bill would require the Board to notify parole candidates the Board finds unsuitable for parole of their right to petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

I am concerned that the bill introduces legal inconsistencies that will have unintended consequences and be detrimental to California’s process for assessing suitability for discretionary release on parole.

The current process strikes a delicate balance and has significantly improved parole hearings in recent years, resulting in a one percent recidivism rate among parolees. The changes the bill prescribes will have unpredictable impacts and will result in decades of litigation and uncertainty for victims, families, and those going through the parole process.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 81 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 354—Ochoa Bogh.
An act relating to special education.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 354 without my signature.

This bill requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to revise its administrative services credential standards and performance expectations with a focus on inclusive learning environments. It also, subject to separate appropriations, requires the California Department of Education, in consultation with the CTC, to develop and disseminate guidance on the ways in which inclusive classrooms may be staffed, and develop and distribute a report on recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes necessary to eliminate barriers to the staffing of inclusive practices.

Serving students with disabilities in inclusive settings is an essential strategy for improving the academic achievement of these and all students, and one that my Administration, like the author, is committed to advancing. However, this bill is substantially similar to SB 1113 of 2022, which I vetoed, and several of the same concerns remain. In particular, portions of this bill are subject to an appropriation and should be considered as part of the annual budget process.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 354 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 394—Gonzalez et al.
An act relating to school facilities.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 394 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to convene more than ten state agencies, departments and commissions, as well as numerous stakeholders, to develop a Master Plan for Healthy, Sustainable, and Climate-Resilient Schools. The Master Plan would be due on or before March 31, 2025, or 15 months after the appropriation is made for this purpose, whichever is later.

While I support the author’s goal of making our schools more climate friendly and climate prepared, the development of this Master Plan will cost up to $10 million that was not considered through the annual budget process. Additionally, the Master Plan would create significant long-term cost pressures that are not accounted for in the state budget plan.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature approved bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 394 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 429—Bradford.
An act relating to transportation.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 429 without my signature.

This bill codifies vehicle inspection requirements for transportation network companies (TNCs) and requires TNCs to compensate certain drivers for their time spent completing a vehicle inspection. The bill also specifically authorizes TNC vehicle inspections to be completed remotely or virtually.

While I appreciate the intent of the author to make it easier for drivers to comply with the existing vehicle inspection requirements, this bill may weaken these requirements, which are purposefully designed to protect public, driver and passenger safety.

Last year I vetoed legislation that would have authorized similar provisions. At that time, I encouraged the author of that bill to work with the CPUC to clearly identify and address any issues or safety improvements. I continue to believe that is the most appropriate approach for addressing these types of safety matters.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 429 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 435—Gonzalez et al.

An act relating to data collection.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 435 without my signature.

This bill would require the CalFresh program, within the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to use separate data collection categories for specified Latino groups, Mesoamerican Indigenous nations, and Mesoamerican Indigenous language groups when collecting and reporting demographic data.

Providing more detailed health and demographic information for Latino groups and Mesoamerican Indigenous nations is important to inform our services and supports and to help identify disparities. To this end, my Administration is actively monitoring and reviewing the United States Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) update to federal standards for collection and reporting of race and ethnicity information, and looks forward to engaging stakeholders in this effort. California is required to submit data to the federal government using these federal standards, and programs that receive federal funding must also use these standards. As such, implementing a different framework for data collection in California prior to the release of updated federal standards is premature.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 435 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 470 without my signature.

This bill would codify two grant programs within the Department of Water Resources established by the Budget Act of 2021: the Urban Water Community Drought Relief Program and the Small Community Drought Relief Program. It also authorizes these programs to fund benefits in addition to drought relief, including projects that reduce the risk of wildfire.

I thank the author for the commitment to support under-resourced communities most at risk of wildfire, and the intent of this bill is in line with work currently underway within my Administration. The California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) recently launched the Prepare California Initiative, a grant program focused on building community resilience amongst vulnerable individuals living in high hazard risk communities.

However, the two programs this bill seeks to expand have exhausted all funding appropriated in the 2021 Budget and as such, it is unnecessary to formally establish the programs in statute.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 470 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 557—Limón.
An act relating to state government administration.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 557 without my signature.

This bill would extend Prompt Payment Act requirements and penalties to all grants to nonprofit organizations and makes nonprofit organizations eligible for the higher penalty rate paid to small businesses, regardless of the size of the grant or contract.

Additionally, for disputed invoices regarding the quantity of goods or services delivered to or accepted by the state, this bill would provide that the dispute suspends the requirement to pay within 45 days only if the disputed portion exceeds five percent of the invoiced amount or $250, whichever is less. This provision would cover all state contractors and grantees, not just nonprofit organizations.

I appreciate the role nonprofit organizations play in supporting our state’s communities and economy, and I thank the author for the continued commitment to this critical sector. However, being able to suspend the 45-day requirement in a dispute over the quantity of goods or services provided is essential to the state’s fiduciary responsibility and accountability as a distributor of public funds. Moreover, establishing a minimum discrepancy amount to suspend the 45-day requirement could pressure state employees to pay invoices with missing documentation to avoid having to report a late payment penalty.

My Administration remains committed to working with nonprofit organizations to support the sector’s ability to deliver programs and support communities, while also balancing the need for accountability for state funds. I look forward to working with stakeholders on the implementation of related efforts, and I encourage the author and stakeholders to continue working with my administration on the overarching goals of this bill, while addressing accountability concerns.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 557 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 582 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Health and Human Services Agency’s (CHHS) Data Exchange Framework (DxF) stakeholder advisory group to consider new standards for including Electronic Health Records (EHR) vendors in the DxF, establish standards for EHR vendors’ fees, and authorize CHHS to oversee and enforce EHR vendors for noncompliance with federal standards.

My Administration spearheaded the creation of the DxF to accelerate and expand the exchange of health information to provide safe, effective, whole person care to Californians in real time. Given the ongoing efforts by CHHS and the Center for Data Insights and Innovation to stand up the DxF, this bill is premature. The state should prioritize implementation of this important work before we consider modifications.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 582 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 596—Portantino.
An act relating to school employees.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 596 without my signature.

This bill would make it a misdemeanor to cause substantial disorder at any meeting of the governing board of a school district, the governing body of a charter school, a county board of education, or the State Board of Education. This bill also specifies that a person who subjects a school employee to threats or harassment while the employee is away from a school site or after school hours for reasons related to the employee’s course of duties would be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Credible threats of violence and acts of harassment - whether directed against school officials, elected officials, or members of the general public - can already be prosecuted as crimes. As such, creating a new crime is unnecessary.

The tenor of our country’s political conversations is alarming, leading to caustic atmospheres at local school board meetings and politicization of our kids’ education in an effort to score political points. Nevertheless, we need to be cautious about exacerbating tensions by implementing additional laws that can be perceived as stifling parents’ voices in the decision-making process. We don’t need more gas on this fire - we need more grace, more respectful conversations, and more protection of constitutional rights for all people, especially for those with whom we disagree.

No school official should be subject to threats or harassment for doing their job, period. I encourage school officials to work closely with local law enforcement to use the laws already on the books to ensure the safety and security of our community’s educators and governing board members, both while carrying out their school duties on school premises and while away from school sites.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 596 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 627—Smallwood-Cuevas et al.
An act relating to employment.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 627 without my signature.

This bill would require certain chain employers to provide workers and their exclusive representative, if any, with a displacement notice at least 60 days before an expected date of closure. Additionally, it would require a chain employer to maintain a preferential transfer list of eligible laid-off employees and make job offers based on length of service for one year after the closure date and provide an opportunity to transfer to another chain location within 25 miles, as positions become available.

The new notice requirements, transfer rights, processes and criteria, and associated penalties established by this bill would impose significant burdens on employers. The arbitrary 25-mile radius for transfers does not take into account substantial regional differences among commute times. In addition, this bill applies to an overly broad list of establishments and creates vague processes and criteria, which will lead to implementation and enforcement challenges.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 627 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 640—Portantino et al.

An act relating to the California State University.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 640 without my signature.

This bill would require any food service contract or hotel development project undertaken by the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees to be with an employer that is party to a labor peace agreement with a labor organization. This requirement extends to any food service and hotel development contract in which the CSU or the State of California has a proprietary interest and that is performed in accordance with a contract entered into or awarded by a CSU auxiliary organization.

California State University campuses have a long history of organizing. Faculty and staff have been organized for decades, and this year a labor organization submitted more than 8,500 digital cards signed by students to the Public Employment Relations Board to advance towards a union vote. Additionally, six campuses have auxiliary organizations that have been unionized. It is the understanding of my Administration that recent organizing on CSU campuses has been largely respectful. In light of this history, it is not clear that this legislation is needed to facilitate successful organizing on CSU campuses. While I support minimizing disruptions to students from work stoppages on campus, this bill is premature.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 640 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 702 without my signature.

This bill would require the Governor’s Office to annually publish a report on its website containing aggregate demographic information of individuals appointed by the Governor.

I continue to be deeply committed to making appointments at every level of government that reflect California’s diversity. My office makes an intentional, transparent effort to continuously engage with the Legislature, community partners, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to build a diverse and qualified pool of candidates for these positions. I am deeply proud of the diverse group of Californians who now serve our state in senior, appointed leadership positions.

While I understand the author’s goal, the demographic information specified for reporting under this bill is optional and self-reported by candidates. Consequently, the report required by this bill would not necessarily accurately reflect the diversity of appointees. I have vetoed a similar measure for this reason, and my concern remains.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 702 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 716—Alvarado-Gil.
An act relating to state employees.
Vote required: 27

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 716 without my signature.

This bill would enact the Excluded Employee Arbitration Act to provide state excluded employees the option to request binding arbitration as part of the grievance process.

Current law allows managers and supervisors to pursue resolution of disagreements through a four-step grievance process and challenge grievance decisions in court. This bill would add a costly step to this process by permitting excluded employees to arbitrate the Department of Human Resources’ (CalHR) authorizing statutes, regulations, policies, and practices before non-governmental entities. This could lead to conflicts with the statutory authority delegated to CalHR. These are the same concerns I had with previous, nearly identical bills, AB 1714 (2022), SB 76 (2021), and SB 179 (2019), which I also vetoed.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 716 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 725—Smallwood-Cuevas.

An act relating to private employment.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 725 without my signature.

This bill would require a successor grocery employer to provide an eligible grocery employee a dislocated worker allowance equal to one week of pay for each year of employment with the incumbent grocery employer, if the successor grocery employer does not hire or retain an eligible grocery worker as required in grocery worker retention laws.

While the goal of limiting the disruptions caused by grocery mergers and acquisitions amongst essential grocery store workers and local communities is laudable, existing law already provides protections for displaced workers, including WARN Act notice requirements, grocery worker retention requirements which require successor grocery employers to retain eligible grocery workers for 90-days during a store transitional period, and unemployment insurance benefits. The additional obligations in this bill are unduly prescriptive and overly burdensome.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 725 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 728 without my signature.

This bill prohibits the sale or distribution of plastic gift cards in the state after January 2027, and enforces the ban through civil penalties of up to $100 per day.

While I support the author’s goal to reduce our reliance on single-use plastic materials, I am concerned that an outright ban without any incentives for compliance will disproportionately impact the state’s small business community, as digital gift cards may not be a feasible option for many businesses or consumers.

California has successfully implemented many programs to reduce our reliance on single-use plastic while incentivizing businesses to transition towards more sustainable products and materials. I encourage the Legislature to consider alternatives to a statutory, single-product ban to help meet the state’s plastic waste reduction goals.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 728 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 731—Ashby et al.

An act relating to employment.

Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 731 without my signature.

This bill would require employers, before requiring an employee who is working from home to return to in-person work, to provide 30 calendar days’ advance written notice. The bill would also require the notice to include specified text informing employees of their right to request continuing to work remotely as a reasonable accommodation for a disability.

My administration supports reasonable advance notice by employers, where feasible, to employees of return to work requirements, in order to allow for employees to prepare for the change. My administration also strongly supports the existing legal requirement that employers must reasonably accommodate employees with disabilities, which includes the possibility that working from home could be a reasonable accommodation in appropriate circumstances, and encourages that information to be included in employer communications with employees about return to work.

However, SB 731 would impose an inflexible 30-day advance notice requirement to return-to-work that would not take into account the needs of any particular employer. Businesses, especially small businesses, may have limited employees to staff in-person positions and the 30-day advance notice requirement of return-to-work could be impractical, especially in times of critical need or emergencies.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023

Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 731 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No.  847—Dahle.
An act relating to vehicles.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 847 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the California Highway Patrol to adopt a regulation to certify motorcycle helmets that do not meet the safety requirements imposed by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in order to accommodate a driver’s or passenger’s religious beliefs.

Motorcycle helmets save lives. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that all motorcycle helmets sold in the United States meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. This standard defines minimum levels of performance that helmets must meet to protect the head and brain in the event of a crash. According to NHTSA, helmets that do not meet FMVSS 218 create a higher risk for skull fracture and brain injury when compared to certified ones. Approval of a helmet model that does not comply with rigorous federal safety standards will undoubtedly impact public safety.

While I am sensitive to the protection of religious freedoms, I cannot support legislation that would have the unintended public safety consequences associated with this proposal.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

2023
Oct. 8—Shall Senate Bill 847 become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? (Must be considered pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.)
S.B. No. 509—Portantino et al.
An act relating to pupil health.
Vote required: 27

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 509 without my signature.

This bill would require local educational agencies to certify to the California Department of Education by July 1, 2027, that 100 percent of its certificated staff and at least 40 percent of its classified staff who have direct contact with students in grades 7-12 have received youth behavioral health training as specified.

I share the author’s goal of ensuring that school staff are equipped with the tools to recognize and offer appropriate support to students experiencing mental health challenges. However, I have concerns with some aspects of the bill as written, including the appropriate scope of the required, one-time training and the lack of an appropriate mechanism to fund the bill via the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Fund (AB 28, Chapter 231, Statutes of 2023).

To address these issues, and to ensure alignment with other state investments in this area, I am directing the Department of Finance to propose language for the Legislature’s consideration as part of next January’s state budget proposal.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
GOVERNOR’S APPOINTMENTS

53

LINDSEY SIN, Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs
(Ayes 5. Noes 0.)
Final date the Senate may act on confirmation: May 31, 2024

Vote required: 21

2024
Jan. 11—From Com. on RLS. with the recommendation: Be confirmed.

54

NOEMÍ OTILIA OSUNA GALLARDO, J.D., Member, California Energy Commission
(Ayes 5. Noes 0.)
Final date the Senate may act on confirmation: February 15, 2024

Vote required: 21

2024
Jan. 11—From Com. on RLS. with the recommendation: Be confirmed.

55

IRA W. LIT, ED.D., Member, Commission on Teacher Credentialing
(Ayes 4. Noes 0.)
Final date the Senate may act on confirmation: February 8, 2024

Vote required: 21

2024
Jan. 11—From Com. on RLS. with the recommendation: Be confirmed.
CARL (CHIP) W. ROBERTSON, J.D., Member, University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco, Board of Directors
(Ayes 5.  Noes 0.)
Final date the Senate may act on confirmation: March 6, 2024

Vote required: 21

2024
Jan.  11—From Com. on RLS. with the recommendation: Be confirmed.
S.C.A. No. 1—Newman et al.
An act relating to elections.
Vote required: 27

2023
Jan. 30—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Jan. 31—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 2.
Feb. 9—Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
Apr. 25—Set for hearing May 8.
May 9—From committee: Be adopted and re-refer to Com. on APPR.
Aug. 24—Set for hearing August 28.
Aug. 28—August 28 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
Aug. 29—Set for hearing September 1.
Sep. 1—From committee: Be adopted. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (September 1).
Sep. 5—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
S.C.A. No. 2—Stern et al.
An act relating to elections.
Vote required: 27

2023
Feb. 16—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 17—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 19.
Mar. 1—Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
Apr. 25—Set for hearing May 8. From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
May 9—From committee: Be adopted and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 1. Page 1026.) (May 8). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Aug. 24—Set for hearing August 28.
Aug. 28—August 28 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
Aug. 29—Set for hearing September 1.
Sep. 1—From committee: Be adopted. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (September 1).
Sep. 5—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
S.B. No. 804—Dahle.
An act relating to criminal procedure.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 17—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 21—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.
Mar. 1—Referred to Com. on PUB S.
Mar. 16—Set for hearing April 18.
Dec. 7—Set for hearing January 9.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on PUB S.
Jan. 10—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
S.B. No. 863—Allen.
An act relating to elections.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 17—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 21—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.
Mar. 1—Referred to Com. on RLS.
Mar. 22—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Mar. 29—Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Apr. 11—Set for hearing May 2.
Apr. 21—May 2 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on JUD. Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
Jan. 4—Set for hearing January 9.
Jan. 9—From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 6, Noes 1.) (January 9).
Jan. 10—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

S.C.R. No. 93—Hurtado et al.
Relative to public health.
Vote required: 21

2023
Sep. 6—Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.

2024
Jan. 10—From committee: Ordered to third reading.
62

S.C.R. No. 94—Dodd et al.
Relative to Data Privacy Week.
Vote required: 21

2024
Jan. 3—Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.
Jan. 10—From committee: Ordered to third reading.

63

S.R. No. 51—Min.
Relative to Korean American Day.

2024
Jan. 3—Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.
Jan. 10—From committee: Ordered to third reading.

64

S.B. No. 536—Rubio.
An act relating to horse racing.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 15—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 17.
Feb. 22—Referred to Coms. on G.O. and E.Q.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on G.O.
Jan. 5—Set for hearing January 9.
Jan. 9—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on E.Q. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (January 9). Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.
Jan. 10—Withdrawn from committee. Ordered to second reading.
Jan. 11—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
S.B. No. 402—Wahab.
An act relating to mental health.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 9—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 10—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 12.
Feb. 22—Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and G.O.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH. Set for hearing January 10. Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Coms. on HEALTH and JUD.
Jan. 4—Set for hearing January 11 in JUD. pending receipt.
Jan. 10—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (January 10). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 12—Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.
CONSENT CALENDAR—FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

66

S.B. No. 382—Becker.
An act relating to real property.
Vote required: 21

2023
Feb. 9—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Feb. 10—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 12.
Feb. 22—Referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.
Apr. 13—Set for hearing April 26.
Apr. 18—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.
Apr. 26—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 3, Noes 2. Page 897.) (April 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
May 1—Set for hearing May 8.
May 8—May 8 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
May 12—Set for hearing May 18.
May 18—May 18 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 4—Set for hearing January 11. From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 12—Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.
CONSENT CALENDAR—SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY

67

S.B. No. 251—Newman.
An act relating to elections.
Vote required: 21

2023
Jan. 30—Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.
Jan. 31—From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 2.
Feb. 9—Referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
Mar. 8—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.
Apr. 3—Set for hearing April 18.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A. Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Coms. on PUB S. and E. & C.A.
Jan. 9—From committee: Do pass. Ordered to consent calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (January 9).
Jan. 10—Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.
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3. Reading of the Previous Day’s Journal
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5. Introduction and Reference of Bills
6. Reports of Committees
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9. Motions and Resolutions
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General Provisions and Exemptions Relating to Joint Rule 61 Deadlines

1. Bills acted upon by a committee deadline for which amendments are recommended have two legislative days after that deadline during which they may be reported (J.R. 61(c)).
2. Rules Committees are exempt from these deadlines (J.R. 61(f)).
3. Bills which are referred to an Assembly committee (pursuant to J.R. 26.5 or A.R. 77.2) are exempt from these deadlines (see also J.R. 61(g), J.R. 61(h)).
4. Bills related to the budget under subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution are exempt from these deadlines (J.R. 61(i)).
5. A policy committee or fiscal committee may meet for the purpose of hearing and reporting a constitutional amendment, or a bill which would go into immediate effect pursuant to Section 8 of Article IV of the California Constitution, at any time other than those periods when no committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(i)).
6. Joint and Concurrent Resolutions are exempt from these deadlines (J.R. 6).

2024 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR
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CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY 2023–24 REGULAR CALENDAR

2024
Jan. 1 —Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
Jan. 1-2 —New Year Holiday.
Jan. 3 —Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
Jan. 10 —Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
Jan. 12 —Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
Jan. 15 —Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Jan. 19 —Last day for any committee to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year. (J.R. 61(b)(2)). Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
Jan. 31 —Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)) (J.R. 61(b)(3)).
Feb. 16 —Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(b)(4), J.R. 54(a)).
Feb. 19 —Presidents’ Day.
Mar. 21 —Spring Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
Mar. 29 — Cesar Chavez Day observed.
Apr. 1 — Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
Apr. 26 — Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).
May 3 — Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).
May 10 — Last day for policy committees to meet prior to May 28 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).
May 17 — Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(8)). Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to May 28 (J.R. 61(b)(9)).
May 20-24 — Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(10)).
May 24 — Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).
May 27 — Memorial Day.
May 28 — Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).
June 15 — Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)).
June 27 — Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).
July 3 — Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
July 4 — Independence Day.
Aug. 5 — Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
Aug. 16 — Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(14)).
Aug. 19-31 — Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(15)).
Aug. 23 — Last day to amend bills on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).
Aug. 31 —Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(17)). **Final Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

Sep. 2 —Labor Day.

Sep. 30 —Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor’s possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).

Oct. 2 —Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2025. (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Nov. 5 —General Election.

Nov. 11 —Veterans Day.

Nov. 28-29 —Thanksgiving.

Nov. 30 —Adjournment *sine die* at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

Dec. 2 —2025–26 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon. (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).


Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2025 —New Year Holiday.

**2025**

Jan. 1 —Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

*(SOME DATES INCLUDED IN THIS CALENDAR ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)*
SCHEDULE OF 2023–24 REGULAR SESSION
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(All hearings take place in the State Capitol or at 1021 O Street, unless otherwise noted)

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ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (A. & A.R.)—

AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE (AGING & L.T.C.) (7)—Bains (Chair), Mathis (Vice Chair), Cervantes, Friedman, Joe Patterson, Rodriguez, and Blanca Rubio. Chief Consultant: Elizabeth Fuller. Secretary: Judy Gion. 1020 N Street, Room 153. Phone: (916) 319-3990.

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PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (P. & C.P.) (10)—Bauer-Kahan (Chair), Joe Patterson (Vice Chair), Bryan, Vince Fong, Hoover, Lowenthal, Ortega, Ward, Wicks, and Wilson. Chief Consultant: Jith Meganathan. Principal Consultant: Julie Salley. Secretary: Mimi Holtkamp. 1020 N Street, Room 162. Phone: (916) 319-2200.

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RULES (RLS.) (11)—Pacheco (Chair), Mathis (Vice Chair), Cervantes, Flora, Friedman, Jones-Sawyer, Low, Mainschein, Ting, Waldron, and 1 Democratic vacancy. (Democratic Alternate: Arambula. Republican Alternate: Dixon). Chief Administrative Officer: Lia Lopez. Bill Referral Consultant: Michael Erke. 1021 O Street, Suite 6250. Phone: (916) 319-2800.

TRANSPORTATION (TRANS.) (15)—Wilson (Chair), Vince Fong (Vice Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Berman, Juan Carrillo, Davies, Hart, Jackson, Lowenthal, Papan, Sanchez, Ting, Wallis, Ward, and Wicks. Chief Consultant: Farra Bracht. Principal Consultant: David Sforza. Senior Consultants: Christine Casey, Julia Kingsley. Secretary: Aimee Anspach. 1020 N Street, Room 112. Phone: (916) 319-2093.

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SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY
STANDING COMMITTEES

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BUDGET—

Subcommittee No. 1 on Health (3)—Weber (Chair), Bonta, and Jim Patterson. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

Subcommittee No. 2 on Human Services (3)—Jackson (Chair), Lee, and Waldron. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

Subcommittee No. 3 on Education Finance (6)—Alvarez (Chair), Megan Dahle, Essayli, Mike Fong, McCarty, and Muratsuchi. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

Subcommittee No. 4 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation (4)—Bennett (Chair), Connolly, Flora, and Wilson. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

Subcommittee No. 5 on State Administration (3)—Quirk-Silva (Chair), Joe Patterson, and Ward. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

Subcommittee No. 6 on Public Safety (3)—Ramos (Chair), Lackey, and McCarty. (Democratic Alternate: Gabriel. Republican Alternate: Vince Fong).

Subcommittee No. 7 on Accountability and Oversight—Valencia (Chair).
SELECT COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY
(SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE)

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Select Committee on the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games—McKinnor (Chair), Alanis, Boerner, Bryan, Mike Fong, Jones-Sawyer, Lowenthal, Quirk-Silva, Luz Rivas, and Santiago.

Select Committee on Aerospace—Muratsuchi (Chair), Berman, Juan Carrillo, Vince Fong, Friedman, Irwin, Lackey, Mathis, and McKinnor.

Select Committee on Asia/California Trade and Investment—Ting (Chair), Calderon, Cervantes, Chen, Mike Fong, Vincent Fong, Holden, Lee, Low, Muratsuchi, and Stephanie Nguyen.

Select Committee on Asian American and Pacific Islanders Equity, Inclusion, and Representation—Low (Chair), Wendy Carrillo, Mike Fong, Lee, Stephanie Nguyen, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Santiago, and Ward.

Select Committee on Aerospace—Muratsuchi (Chair), Berman, Juan Carrillo, Vince Fong, Friedman, Irwin, Lackey, Mathis, and McKinnor.

Select Committee on Automation and Workforce Development—Lowenthal (Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Gipson, Haney, Jackson, McKinnor, and Reyes.

Select Committee on Biodiversity—Friedman (Chair), Addis, Connolly, Jackson, Kalra, Mathis, Luz Rivas, and Ting.

Select Committee on Biotechnology—Ward (Chair), Berman, Boerner, Vince Fong, Irwin, Papan, Petrie-Norris, Luz Rivas, Ting, Waldron, and Weber.

Select Committee on California’s Lithium Economy—Garcia (Chair), Alvarez, Wendy Carrillo, Connolly, Friedman, Holden, Lackey, Ramos, Ting, Wallis, and Zbur.

Select Committee on California’s Mental Health Crisis—Jackson (Chair), Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Megan Dahle, Irwin, Maienschein, Stephanie Nguyen, Pacheco, Pellerin, Waldron, and Wood.

Select Committee on California-Mexico Bi-National Affairs—Garcia (Chair), Alanis, Alvarez, Juan Carrillo, Cervantes, Mike Fong, Gipson, Ortega, Pacheco, Robert Rivas, Blanca Rubio, and Soria.

Select Committee on Career Technical Education and Building a 21st Century Workforce—Cervantes (Chair), Alanis, Mike Fong, Vincent Fong, Muratsuchi, Ortega, Ramos, Reyes, Villapudua, and Wilson.

Select Committee on Cybersecurity—Irwin (Chair), Addis, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Flora, Vincent Fong, Stephanie Nguyen, Pacheco, Luz Rivas, Ta, and Weber.

Select Committee on California’s Mental Health Crisis—Jackson (Chair), Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Megan Dahle, Irwin, Maienschein, Stephanie Nguyen, Pacheco, Pellerin, Waldron, and Wood.

Select Committee on Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure—Schiavo (Chair), Alanis, Berman, Connolly, Friedman, Irwin, McCarty, Ting, Ward, and Zbur.

Select Committee on Fentanyl, Opioid Addiction, and Overdose Prevention—Haney (Chair), Bryan, Davies, Kalra, Ortega, Jim Patterson, Joe Patterson, Petrie-Norris, Ramos, Waldron, Wood, and Zbur.

Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers—Kalra (Chair), Bryan, Flora, Haney, Lackey, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Ortega, and Reyes.
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Select Committee on Latina Inequities—Wendy Carrillo (Chair), Alanis, Boerner, Cervantes, Jackson, Lee, McKinnor, Ortega, Pacheco, Luz Rivas, and Valencia.

Select Committee on Local Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness—Rodriguez (Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Ta, Waldron, Wallis, and Wilson.

Select Committee on Los Angeles County Homelessness—Santiago (Chair), Bryan, Mike Fong, Friedman, Gipson, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Schiavo, and Zbur.

Select Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education in California—Berman (Chair), Addis, Arambula, Megan Dahle, Mike Fong, Irwin, Maienschein, McCarty, Muratsuchi, Soria, and Wallis.

Select Committee on Mental Health Accessibility within Non-English Speaking Communities—Stephanie Nguyen (Chair), Addis, Juan Carrillo, Mike Fong, Jackson, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Soria, Ta, and Valencia.

Select Committee on Mobility in the Golden State—Juan Carrillo (Chair), Alanis, Cervantes, Vince Fong, Friedman, Grayson, Holden, Stephanie Nguyen, Robert Rivas, Valencia, and Wicks.

Select Committee on Native American Affairs—Ramos (Chair), Wendy Carrillo, Cervantes, Garcia, Jones-Sawyer, Mathis, Luz Rivas, Blanca Rubio, Soria, Ting, and Valencia.

Select Committee on Offshore Wind Energy in California—Addis (Chair), Bennett, Connolly, Dixon, Garcia, Hart, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Luz Rivas, Wood, and Zbur.

Select Committee on Opportunities and Barriers for People with Disabilities in the Workplace—Ortega (Chair), Alanis, Arambula, Bonta, Jackson, Kalra, McKinnor, and Reyes.

Select Committee on Orange County Homelessness and Mental Health Services—Quirk-Silva (Chair), Davies, Dixon, Pacheco, Petrie-Norris, Santiago, Ta, and Valencia.

Select Committee on Place Based Systems of Coordinated Care for Children and Families—Bonta (Chair), Addis, Alanis, Davies, Haney, Jackson, Ortega, Pellerin, Ramos, Reyes, and Blanca Rubio.

Select Committee on Police Reform—Gipson (Chair), Alanis, Bauer-Kahan, Gabriel, Lackey, Low, McCarty, Pacheco, Ramos, Reyes, and Blanca Rubio.

Select Committee on Ports and Goods Movement—Gipson (Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Boerner, Bonta, Vince Fong, Lowenthal, Papan, Reyes, Villapudua, Wilson, and Wood.

Select Committee on Poverty and Economic Inclusion—Bryan (Chair), Bauer-Kahan, Boerner, Vince Fong, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Pacheco, Ramos, Luz Rivas, and Santiago.

Select Committee on Racism, Hate, and Xenophobia—Mike Fong (Chair), Cervantes, Gabriel, Jackson, Low, McKinnor, Ramos, Reyes, and Zbur.

Select Committee on Reconnecting Communities—Alvarez (Chair), Alanis, Bonta, Friedman, Santiago, and Soria.

Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions—Holden (Chair), Boerner, Juan Carrillo, Cervantes, Chen, Friedman, Muratsuchi, Ramos, Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, and Schiavo.
Select Committee on Reparatory Justice—Jones-Sawyer (Chair), Bonta, Bryan, Jackson, Lee, and McCarty.

Select Committee on Reproductive Health—Bauer-Kahan (Chair), Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Bonta, Calderon, Jackson, Stephanie Nguyen, Petrie-Norris, Weber, Wood, and Zbur.

Select Committee on Restorative Justice—McKinnor (Chair), Wendy Carrillo, Friedman, Gipson, Jackson, Kalra, Lee, Waldron, and Wicks.

Select Committee on Retail Theft—Zbur (Chair), Alanis, Alvarez, Bonta, Vince Fong, Haney, McCarty, Ortega, Pacheco, Petrie-Norris, and Schiavo.

Select Committee on Sea Level Rise and the California Economy—Boerner (Chair), Addis, Alvarez, Bennett, Connolly, Dixon, Irwin, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Papan, and Ting.

Select Committee on Serving Students with Disabilities—Addis (Chair), Cervantes, Mike Fong, Hoover, Jackson, Lackey, Maienschein, Mathis, McCarty, Muratsuchi, and Wilson.

Select Committee on the Social Determinants of Health—Weber (Chair), Arambula, Gipson, Kalra, Lackey, Wood, and Zbur.

Select Committee on Social Housing—Lee (Chair), Arambula, Bonta, Juan Carrillo, Vince Fong, Haney, Kalra, Robert Rivas, Schiavo, Ward, and Wicks.

Select Committee on State Parks—Reyes (Chair), Addis, Alanis, Bauer-Kahan, Cervantes, Dixon, Garcia, Gipson, Hart, Stephanie Nguyen, Quirk-Silva, and Robert Rivas.

Select Committee on the Status of Boys and Men of Color—Jones-Sawyer (Chair), Alanis, Mike Fong, Garcia, Gipson, Kalra, Lackey, McKinnor, Ortega, and Robert Rivas.

Select Committee on Streamlining Services for Victims of Interpersonal Violence—Grayson (Chair), Lackey, Stephanie Nguyen, Reyes, Blanca Rubio, Waldron, and Wilson.

Select Committee on Transportation and Emergency Preparedness—Wilson (Chair), Bonta, Vince Fong, Friedman, Gallagher, and Rodriguez.

Select Committee on Wildfire Prevention—Connolly (Chair), Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Vince Fong, Jackson, Papan, Joe Patterson, Luz Rivas, and Wood.

Select Committee on Wine—Aguiar-Curry (Chair), Addis, Davies, Vince Fong, Hart, Pellerin, Robert Rivas, Blanca Rubio, Villapudua, Waldron, and Wicks.

Select Committee on Workforce Development and Diversity in the Innovation Economy—Low (Chair), Chen, Mike Fong, Vince Fong, Irwin, Jackson, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Pacheco, Pellerin, and Villapudua.

Select Committee on Youth Homelessness in San Bernardino County—Ramos (Chair), Cervantes, Holden, Lackey, Reyes, Luz Rivas, Rodriguez, and Wallis.
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JOINT COMMITTEES
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Joint Committee on the Arts (12) (Resolution Chapter 101, Statutes of 1984. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (6): **Rendon (Chair)**, Boerner, Vince Fong, Lowenthal, Quirk-Silva, and Wallis.
—Senate (6): **Allen (Vice Chair)**, Portantino, Rubio, Wilk, and vacancies.

Joint Committee on Fairs Allocation and Classification (14) (Food and Agriculture Code Sections 4531, 4532, 4533, 4534, 4535. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (7): **Connolly (Chair)**, Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Dixon, Mathis, McCarty, and Rodriguez.
—Senate (7): **Blakespear (Vice Chair)**, Alvarado-Gil, Ashby, Caballero, Dahle, Dodd, and Niello.

Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (8) (Resolution Chapter 88, Statutes of 1981. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (4): **Addis (Vice Chair)**, Bennett, Megan Dahle, and Ting.
—Senate (4): **McGuire (Chair)**, Cortese, Limón, and Nguyen.
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Joint Committee on Rules (28) (Joint Rule 40. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (14): **Pacheco (Chair)**, Aguiar-Curry, Cervantes, Flora, Friedman, Gallagher, Jones-Sawyer, Low, Maienschein, Mathis, Robert Rivas, Ting, Waldron, and 1 Democratic vacancy.
—Senate (14): **Laird (Vice Chair)**, Ashby, Cortese, Gonzalez, Grove, Jones, Limón, McGuire, Newman, Ochoa Bogh, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Wiener, and Wilk.
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Joint Legislative Audit (14) (Government Code Sections 10501, 10502, Joint Rule 37.3. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (7): Hart, Hoover, Jim Patterson, Quirk-Silva, Blanca Rubio, Valencia, and Wood.
—Senate (7): **Blakespear (Vice Chair)**, Cortese, Eggman, Gonzalez, Laird, Seyarto, and Wilk.
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Joint Legislative Budget (16) (Government Code Sections 9140, 9141, Joint Rule 37. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (8): **Gabriel (Vice Chair)**, Bennett, Vince Fong, Jackson, Jim Patterson, Quirk-Silva, Valencia, and Weber.
—Senate (8): **Skinner (Chair)**, Becker, Dahle, Durazo, Eggman, Niello, Padilla, and Roth.
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Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies (10) (Government Code Section 9147.10. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (5): Connolly (Vice Chair), Wendy Carrillo, Flora, Friedman, and Muratsuchi.
—Senate (5): Stern (Chair), Allen, Blakespear, Hurtado, and Padilla.
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Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management (14) (Resolution Chapter 31, Statutes of 2011. Continuous existence.)
—Assembly (7): Rodriguez (Chair), Aguiar-Curry, Flora, Hart, Joe Patterson, Schiavo, and Waldron.
—Senate (7): Ashby (Vice Chair), Archuleta, Cortese, Dahle, Eggman, Limón, and McGuire.
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DATES ON WHICH ASSEMBLY MEASURES
MAY BE CONSIDERED

Article IV, Section 8 (a), California Constitution

At regular sessions no bill other than the Budget Bill may be heard or acted on
by committee or either house until the 31st day after the bill is introduced unless
the house dispenses with this requirement by roll call vote entered in the Journal,
three-fourths of the membership concurring.

These bills may be considered on the date indicated below, provided the bill has
been in print for 30 days as of that date. For the respective 30-day print dates,
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JOINT RULE 55: No bill other than the Budget Bill may be heard or acted upon by committee or either house until the bill has been in print for 30 days.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

JOINT HEARING
ASSEMBLY EDUCATION
AND
SENATE EDUCATION
ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI, SENATOR NEWMAN, Chairs
9 a.m. — 1021 O Street, Room 2100

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**HOLDEN, Chair**

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A.B. No. 1284  Ramos.  Tribal ancestral lands and waters; cogovernance and
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S.B. No. 263  Dodd.  Insurance: annuities and life insurance policies.

All witness testimony will be in person; there will be no phone testimony option for
this hearing. You can find more information at www.assembly.ca.gov/committees.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

BUDGET
GABRIEL, Chair
9:30 a.m. — 1021 O Street, Room 1100

GOVERNOR’S PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

All witness testimony will be in person; there will be no phone testimony option for this hearing. You can find more information at www.assembly.ca.gov/committees.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

SELECT COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS
RAMOS, Chair
9:30 a.m. — State Capitol, Room 127

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

SUBJECT: A Year Later: Assessing Feather Alert Implementation

All witness testimony will be in person; there will be no phone testimony option for this hearing. You can find more information at www.assembly.ca.gov/committees.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
ORTEGA, Chair
9:30 a.m. — State Capitol, Room 127

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

SUBJECT: Lack of Labor Law Enforcement for California’s Farmworkers

All witness testimony will be in person; there will be no phone testimony option for this hearing. You can find more information at www.assembly.ca.gov/committees.
A.B. No. 801—Joe Patterson.
An act relating to privacy.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 13—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 14—From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.
Feb. 23—Referred to Coms. on P. & C.P. and ED.
Mar. 22—From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on ED. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (March 21).
Mar. 23—Read second time and amended.
Mar. 27—Re-referred to Com. on ED.

2024
Jan. 12—Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
A.B. No. 316—Aguiar-Curry et al.
An act relating to vehicles.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Sep. 22—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60
calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to
consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a
law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 316 without my signature.

Among its provisions, this bill would ban driverless testing and operations of heavy-duty autonomous vehicles.

Assembly Bill 316 is unnecessary for the regulation and oversight of heavy-duty autonomous vehicle technology in California, as existing law provides sufficient authority to create the appropriate regulatory framework.

In 2012, the California Legislature provided the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with the authority to regulate the testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles on public roads in California. As part of its oversight and regulatory responsibilities, DMV consults with the California Highway Patrol, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and others with relevant expertise to determine the regulations necessary for the safe operation of autonomous vehicles on public roads.

DMV continuously monitors the testing and operations of autonomous vehicles on California roads and has the authority to suspend or revoke permits as necessary to protect the public’s safety.

Autonomous vehicle technology is evolving and DMV remains committed to keeping our rules up to date to reflect its continued development in California. DMV held public workshops with interested stakeholders earlier this year to inform the development of future rulemakings for both light-duty and heavy-duty autonomous vehicles. This rulemaking will be a transparent, public process where subject matter experts and other stakeholders will have the opportunity to shape the regulations related to the safe operations of autonomous vehicles in California. The draft regulations are expected to be released for
In addition to safety, my Administration has long been concerned with the impact of technology on the future of work - so much so that in 2019 we convened, with participation from a variety of organized labor leaders including the Teamsters, UFCW, and SEIU, a robust Future of Work Task Force. That effort led to the publication of a report that guides our work on issues of emerging technology and its impacts on California’s workforce.

But our efforts don’t end there. I am committed to incentivizing career pathways and training for the necessary workforce specifically associated with this technology. As such, I am directing the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to lead a stakeholder process next year to review and develop recommendations to mitigate the potential employment impact of testing and deployment of autonomous heavy-duty vehicles.

Considering the longstanding commitment of my Administration to addressing the present and future challenges for work and workers in California, and the existing regulatory framework that presently and sufficiently governs this particular technology, this bill is not needed at this time. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

My Administration remains open to working with the author, sponsors, and other stakeholders on the right approach to safely test and deploy this evolving technology in California, while also addressing and mitigating any potential impacts to jobs.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 957—Wilson et al.
An act relating to family law.

2023
Sep. 14—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
Sep. 22—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 957 without my signature.

This legislation would require a court, when determining the best interests of a child in a child custody or visitation proceeding, to consider, among other comprehensive factors, a parent’s affirmation of the child’s gender identity or gender expression.

I appreciate the passion and values that led the author to introduce this bill. I share a deep commitment to advancing the rights of transgender Californians, an effort that has guided my decisions through many decades in public office.

That said, I urge caution when the Executive and Legislative branches of state government attempt to dictate - in prescriptive terms that single out one characteristic - legal standards for the Judicial branch to apply. Other-minded elected officials, in California and other states, could very well use this strategy to diminish the civil rights of vulnerable communities.

Moreover, a court, under existing law, is required to consider a child’s health, safety, and welfare when determining the best interests of a child in these proceedings, including the parent’s affirmation of the child’s gender identity.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1306—Wendy Carrillo et al.
An act relating to state government.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Sep. 22—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1306 without my signature.

This bill prohibits the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) from providing any information or responding to a request for coordination from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a federal law enforcement agency, regarding the imminent release of an incarcerated non-citizen, if the person is being released under specific circumstances.

The bill would prevent information sharing and coordination upon a person’s release from CDCR custody for a significant number of people and, as a result, would impede CDCR’s interaction with a federal law enforcement agency charged with assessing public safety risks.

I believe current law strikes the right balance on limiting interaction to support community trust and cooperation between law enforcement and local communities.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

However, as an Administration, we recognize that improvements in this process are important. CDCR will limit how it communicates with ICE as a federal law enforcement agency, so information is only provided to ICE when a non-citizen individual enters prison and is approaching their release date. ICE will determine how it will proceed with its enforcement of federal law.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 966—Davies.
An act relating to shoreline erosion control.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 30—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. *Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5).* Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 966 without my signature.

This bill would require the Division of Boating and Waterways and the State Coastal Conservancy to submit a report to the Legislature about shoreline erosion control efforts.

The cost of this one-time report is substantial. In addition, the 2022 and 2023 Budgets provide a combined total of $930 million General Fund to the State Coastal Conservancy for coastal resilience projects. While this funding is not specifically dedicated to coastal erosion, projects funded through these appropriations will address the concerns this measure intends to identify.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1631—Schiavo et al.
An act relating to water resources.

2023
Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
Sep. 30—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1631 without my signature.

This bill requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to issue a notice for public participation for certain water right applications if it has not rendered a final determination within 30 years from the date the permit was filed. This would impact a single, current application for a project in the author’s district that is long delayed.

While I appreciate the author’s attempt to provide an opportunity to comment on the water right application in question, the State Water Board formally stated its intent to re-notice the application by the end of this year, rendering this bill unnecessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 85—Weber.
An act relating to health.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 85 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to provide coverage and reimbursement to health care providers for social determinants of health screenings, beginning January 1, 2027. The bill would also require the Department of Health Care Access and Information to convene a working group to inform policies on social determinants of health and to submit a report to the Legislature with findings and recommendations by January 1, 2026.

My Administration has made significant investments in policies that contemplate and improve social determinants of health, such as housing, social services, community engagement, economic development, and public education. While I support the overall goal of this proposal, it is duplicative of existing efforts, such as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screenings and the work the Department of Health Care Services is doing through California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). Further this bill may be premature; a standardized social determinants of health screening tool does not yet exist, though there are federal efforts ongoing. Our state policy should align with these national efforts to avoid conflicting policies.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 299—Holden.
An act relating to hazing.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 299 without my signature.

Beginning January 1, 2025, this bill authorizes a civil action against a public or private institution of higher education by a person harmed by hazing involving an organization affiliated with the educational institution when the institution had direct involvement in, knew of, or “in the exercise of ordinary care reasonably should have known” of the hazing and unreasonably failed to prevent, discover, or stop the hazing.

Hazing has no place in public or private institutions of higher education (IHE). I agree that IHEs that knowingly support hazing or fail to take reasonable steps to prevent hazing should be accountable. However, as drafted, this bill goes much further than that, creating expansive financial exposure even for IHEs that are taking appropriate steps to protect their students from hazing. I encourage the author to more clearly define when liability arises when IHEs have taken statutorily defined reasonable steps to prevent hazing.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 309—Lee et al.

An act relating to housing.

2023

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 309 without my signature.

This bill would create the Social Housing Program in the Department of General Services (DGS). The program would identify and produce three social housing projects on excess state-owned property through development or acquisition.

This bill infringes on state sovereignty over state-owned real property by establishing a new process for local government review of state projects authorized under the bill and could potentially cost the state several hundred million dollars in capital expenditures.

State-owned sites identified as suitable for housing development already are being developed as affordable housing through the State Excess Sites program. This program, instituted through Executive Order (EO) N-06-19 and further codified through AB 2233 (Quirk-Silva, Chapter 438, Statutes of 2022) and SB 561 (Dodd, Chapter 446, Statutes of 2022), has already awarded state land for 17 residential or mixed-use projects with significant affordable housing components.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to build more affordable housing in the state, this bill creates new additional cost pressures and must be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly

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$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 371—Garcia et al.
An act relating to housing.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following bills without my signature:

Assembly Bill 371
Senate Bill 18

SB 18 would create the Tribal Housing Grant Program Trust Fund to provide grant funds to tribal entities, and AB 371 would change the current waiver process utilized to assist tribal entities in applying for various housing financing programs administered by the Department.

I want to thank the authors and their supporters for their commitment to providing more safe and affordable housing for California’s tribal residents. These legislative efforts are well-intentioned, and I share the desire to further remove barriers and increase tribal access to housing and homelessness programs.

I signed legislation in 2019 to make tribes eligible for most State housing programs, and I remain committed to doing more. My Administration has provided tribal set asides in a variety of new programs we created, including: $30 million in the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023; $29 million through the first round of the Multifamily Super Notice of Funding Availability, which combines funding for four affordable housing funding programs; $20 million recently awarded through the Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention program (HHAP); and a forthcoming Homekey Tribal Entity Notice of Funding Availability of approximately $75 million, to name a few.

But system overhauls such as those included in these two bills need to be made through the budget process where a dedicated grant program to address tribal housing needs - using either new general fund and/or reappropriation of existing tribal set-asides - can be established, along with appropriate program rules to streamline application processes, with more flexible uses to better meet the unique housing needs.
A.B. No. 371—Garcia et al.—continued

of tribal governments.

I am committed to addressing these important issues in next year’s budget and look forward to working with the Legislature and our tribal partners to help deliver these critical dollars to tribal communities where - and how - they are needed.

But for the reasons stated above, I cannot sign these bills.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 469—Vince Fong et al.
An act relating to public records.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 469 without my signature.

This bill, subject to appropriation, would create the Office of the California Public Records Act Ombudsperson within state government. The ombudsperson would be appointed by the Governor, and would be tasked with determining whether denials of public records requests by state agencies complied with the California Public Records Act.

State agencies diligently comply with the Public Records Act, and relief is currently available through the courts for those who feel an agency’s decision was incorrect. This bill would create an unnecessary layer of review by an official who would interpret the law in a manner that may or may not be consistent with case law. Additionally, establishment of this office would result in tens of millions of dollars in cost pressures not considered in the annual budget process.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 576 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to update Medi-Cal coverage for medication abortion to align with evidence-based clinical guidelines by March 1, 2024.

This bill is well intentioned, but unnecessary. In July 2023, DHCS updated its medication abortion policies for Medi-Cal to reflect current evidence-based clinical guidelines to reimburse providers for care through 77 gestational days. This aligns with the goal of AB 576 and the priority of this Administration to ensure that abortion care is safe, legal, and accessible.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 589—Boerner et al.
An act relating to homelessness.

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2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 589 without my signature.

This bill, until January 1, 2027 and upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to establish the Unicorn Homes Transitional Housing for Homeless LGBTQ+ Youth Program (Unicorn Program) as a pilot to be administered by local community-based organizations in Sacramento and San Diego Counties.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to providing housing for homeless LGBTQ+ youth, AB 589 creates an unfunded grant program that must be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 608—Schiavo et al.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 608 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to cover additional services as part of Medi-Cal’s Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) and allow non-licensed perinatal health workers to provide services in a beneficiary’s home or community setting, upon federal approval.

I support the author’s goal to improve maternal health outcomes and reduce disparities. However, Medi-Cal already provides full-scope coverage for one year after pregnancy, and DHCS is actively working on a “Birthing Care Pathway” proposal to improve services provided during the perinatal period, reduce maternal mortality, and address disparities in maternal health outcomes. Given the significant ongoing General Fund costs of over $20 million annually to implement this bill, it should be evaluated as part of the annual budget process.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 620—Connolly et al.

An act relating to health care coverage.

2023
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2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 620 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to cover formulas that are part of a medically necessary diet for the treatment of chronic digestive diseases and inherited metabolic disorders.

While I support individuals with these conditions having access to the nutritional support they may need, I am concerned this bill would exceed the state’s set of essential health benefits, which are established by the state’s benchmark plan under the provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such, this bill’s mandate would require the state to defray the costs of coverage in Covered California. This would not only increase ongoing state General Fund costs, but it would set a new precedent by adding requirements that exceed the benchmark plan. A pattern of new coverage mandate bills like this could open the state to millions to billions of dollars in new costs to cover services relating to other health conditions. This creates uncertainty for our healthcare system’s affordability.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 632—Gipson.
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 632 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit a health plan contract or insurance policy that is amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1, 2024, from applying a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance for prostate cancer screening services for an enrollee who is at a heightened risk of prostate cancer.

According to the California Health Benefits Review Program, approximately 97% of enrollees currently have coverage for prostate cancer screening without cost sharing and the remaining 3% pay an estimated $10 per screening. While the author’s intent to increase prostate cancer screenings is commendable, this bill exceeds the cost sharing provisions under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such, this bill would result in increased costs to consumers through higher premiums. The State must weigh the potential benefits of all new mandates with the comprehensive costs to the entire delivery system.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 719—Boerner.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 719 without my signature.

This bill would require Medi-Cal managed care plans that provide nonemergency or nonmedical transportation to contract with public paratransit service operators for the purpose of establishing reimbursement rates, if federal approvals are obtained.

I support efforts to encourage more public paratransit service operators to enroll as nonmedical transportation providers in Medi-Cal, which is permitted under existing law. It would be beneficial to have more options for nonmedical transportation in the Medi-Cal system. This bill takes a different approach, however, requiring the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to pursue a series of federal approvals that are not currently allowable under federal guidance. It would not be prudent to use state resources for this purpose.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 907—Lowenthal.
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 907 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to cover specific prophylaxis, diagnosis, and treatment of Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) with limited cost sharing.

While I support the author’s goal of ensuring that children with PANS and PANDAS receive the treatment they need in a timely manner, this bill creates a disease-specific mandate and contains provisions that would be duplicative of existing laws for timely access standards and grievance processes through the Department of Managed Health Care and Department of Insurance. Further, this bill removes the medical necessity requirement, which is a standard condition for health plans in determining coverage of specific services.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 931—Irwin.
An act relating to health care coverage.

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Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 931 without my signature.

Beginning January 1, 2025, this bill would prohibit a health plan or insurer from requiring prior authorization for the initial 12 physical therapy treatment visits for a new episode of care. The bill would also require that, prior to treatment, the provider verify an enrollee’s coverage and disclose the enrollee’s cost sharing, maximum out-of-pocket expense per visit, and whether the provider is in-network for the enrollee.

I appreciate the author’s intent to increase access to physical therapy treatment. However, prior authorization, when applied appropriately, can be an important tool to contain health care costs, protect patients from unanticipated billing, and ensure medically necessary care. Further, existing law requires health plans to provide appointments within a timely access minimum standard, even when prior authorization is required.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1015—Calderon et al.
An act relating to children’s health.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1015 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Department of Social Services to administer an expanded Diaper and Wipe Distribution Program in all 58 counties.

The current diaper bank effort was established via the Budget Act of 2021, serving twenty counties throughout California and distributing over one-hundred million diapers to over one million low-income households since its inception. The same budget also exempted diapers from sales tax. While I appreciate the author’s desire to provide additional assistance, an expanded effort should similarly be considered and funded as part of the annual budget process.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1060—Ortega et al.
An act relating to opioids.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1060 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to cover prescription and over the counter naloxone and all other U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs for opioid overdose reversal, with a maximum of $10 cost sharing.

Combating the opioid crisis is one of my top priorities. I appreciate the author’s shared commitment to this critical public health and public safety imperative. Together with the Legislature, we have invested more than $1 billion to combat overdoses, support those with opioid use disorder, raise awareness, and crack down on trafficking. Further, the 2023 Budget Act included $30 million for the CalRx Naloxone Access Initiative, to support partners in developing, manufacturing, procuring, and distributing a low-cost naloxone nasal product.

While I support providing access to opioid antagonists to individuals with opioid use disorder or other risk factors, this bill would exceed the state’s set of essential health benefits, which are established by the state’s benchmark plan under the provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). As such, this bill’s mandate would require the state to defray the costs of coverage in Covered California. This would not only increase ongoing state General Fund costs, but it would set a new precedent by adding requirements that exceed the benchmark plan. A pattern of new coverage mandate bills like this could open the state to millions to billions of dollars in new costs to cover services relating to other health conditions. This creates uncertainty for our healthcare system’s affordability.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1085—Maienschein.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023
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Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1085 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish a Medi-Cal benefit to cover housing support services for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness, subject to an appropriation and federal approval.

My Administration has made significant investments to combat homelessness and provide housing supports. While I appreciate and share the author’s goal to support those who are experiencing homelessness, new Medi-Cal benefits must be considered as part of the annual budget process. For example, the 2023 Budget Act establishes coverage for CalAIM transitional rent, beginning in 2024–25, allowing for up to six months of rent or temporary housing for vulnerable Californians, including those who are or are at risk of becoming homeless.

DHCS estimates additional annual costs to the Medi-Cal program in the range $18.3 million to $40.4 million General Fund to implement this bill. These costs must be considered alongside other budgetary priorities.

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A.B. No. 1085—Maienschein.—continued

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1123—Addis et al.

An act relating to the California State University.

2023

Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1123 without my signature.

This bill requires the California State University (CSU) system to grant an employee a leave of absence with pay for one semester of an academic year, or an equivalent duration in a one-year period, following the birth of a child or in connection with the adoption or foster care placement of a child by the employee.

I vetoed a nearly identical bill last year, citing more than $20 million in fiscal impact outside of the budget process and pending collective bargaining negotiations between the CSU and the California Faculty Association. I implore both entities to come together to resolve this issue during this negotiation.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 1215 without my signature.

This bill, upon appropriation of the Legislature, would establish the Pets Assistance With Support Grant Program, to provide services to pets whose owners are experiencing homelessness or are escaping domestic violence.

I have supported funding for shelters to care for pets belonging to those experiencing homelessness through prior budget investments, including $10 million appropriated in 2019 and an additional $1 million in 2022 to fund the Pet Assistance and Support Program (PAS) administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to programs like these which reduce barriers to accessing shelter, this bill would create an unfunded grant program and should be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1248—Bryan et al.
An act relating to elections.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1248 without my signature.

This bill requires a city or county with more than 300,000 residents, or a school district or community college district with more than 500,000 residents, to establish an independent redistricting commission.

While I share the author’s goal of ensuring community control over the redistricting process, this bill creates a state-reimbursable mandate in the tens of millions and should therefore be considered in the annual budget process.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1432—Wendy Carrillo.  
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023  
Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.  
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024  
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1432 without my signature.

This bill would require any out-of-state health insurance plan regulated by the California Department of Insurance (CDI) that is marketed, issued, or delivered to a California resident to provide coverage for abortion, abortion-related services, and gender-affirming care.

I commend the author for working to provide additional assurances that California residents can access abortion services and gender-affirming care. It is a priority of my Administration to ensure that abortion and gender-affirming care are safe, legal, and accessible. However, it is not evident that out-of-state health insurance plans serving Californians do not already cover this care.

Further, though well intentioned, this bill could invite litigation where an adverse ruling would outweigh a potential benefit.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1451—Jackson.
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1451 without my signature.

This bill would require health plans to cover treatment for urgent and emergency mental health and substance use disorders without prior authorization, upon appropriation by the Legislature for administrative costs.

I share the author’s concern regarding the importance of accessible behavioral health services statewide, as evidenced by the billions of dollars we have invested to enhance access to timely and necessary behavioral health care, as well as the programs and reforms implemented to improve our delivery system. Existing law already prohibits prior authorization for emergency care, and requires mental health and substance use disorder services to meet timely access standards. The requirements in this bill would result in significant costs in the tens of millions of dollars, to the state General Fund and to consumers through health plan premium increases. These impacts should be considered as part of the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1478—Cervantes.
An act relating to maternal health.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1478 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to develop, maintain, and update annually on its website a referral network database of community based mental health providers and support services addressing postpartum depression and prenatal care.

While I support this bill’s intent to increase awareness of mental health and support services for postpartum depression and prenatal care, it is duplicative of existing programs and resources. Last year, I vetoed a similar version of this bill. I do not believe creating another website is necessary.

State programs such as the Adolescent Family Life Program, Black Infant Health Program, California Home Visiting Program, Perinatal Equity Initiative, and the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program work to ensure pregnant and postpartum individuals are assessed, informed, linked, and referred to appropriate health and social services, including mental health. Additional resources can be found on health plan and Medi-Cal insurance websites, county and local health jurisdiction websites, as well as through CalHOPE, which is administered by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1604—Bonta.
An act relating to charter schools.

2023
Sep. 22—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1604 without my signature.

This bill would make changes to the Charter School Facility Grant program (CSFGP) administered by the California School Finance Authority (CSFA) with regard to required admissions preferences, requirements for related parties, declaring nonprofit status, and how charter school properties are sold and leased.

The California State Auditor’s report from earlier this year showed that the CSFGP program was being administered in a manner consistent with the law. It also showed that charter schools that receive the CSFGP grant funds closed less often and were located in areas that needed additional classroom space. Unfortunately, provisions of this bill could have unintended consequences, including increasing facility costs or limiting financing options for charter schools. Furthermore, the potential benefits of the bill are limited and do not outweigh the potential risks to charter school facilities.

Finally, while the report did find areas for improved transparency, those areas can and should be addressed administratively by the CSFA through the regulatory process rather than by legislation.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1645 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit health plans from imposing cost sharing for specified preventive or screening services and associated office visits and would require plans to directly reimburse nonparticipating essential community providers for sexually transmitted infections (STI) screenings and services.

I appreciate the author’s efforts to increase access to preventive health care, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and STI testing, colorectal screening, and other services. However, components of this proposal depart from structures in federal and state law, such as the existing policies for reimbursement to non-contracted providers. Further, because this bill exceeds the cost-sharing provisions under the Affordable Care Act, it would result in increased costs to health plans passed on to consumers through premiums. The State must weigh the potential benefits of all new mandates with the comprehensive costs to the entire delivery system.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1699—McCarty et al.
An act relating to classified employees.

2023

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1699 without my signature.

This bill provides current non-probationary classified TK-12 and community college classified staff the right of first refusal for certain new classified positions at their education employer. The bill requires an educational employer to provide its classified employees and their union at least 10 business days’ notice of a job vacancy before the general public is authorized to apply for the position. This bill only authorizes the employer to offer the new position to an external applicant if no qualified, internal candidate applies for or accepts the new position within the employer notice period.

While I support the author’s goal of seeking to provide opportunities for current classified staff to apply for other open positions, this bill may have unintended consequences that are not in the best interest of students. Educational employers and classified staff already have the ability to bargain this issue, and many already have agreements that meet the goals of this bill. Unfortunately, this bill also prohibits future bargaining agreements from implementing their own locally determined process.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 20—Gipson et al.
An act relating to child welfare.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to
c onsider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a
law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 20 without my signature.

This bill would expand the circumstances in which a child or a nonminor dependent may petition the juvenile dependency court for reinstatement of parental rights and revise provisions of law pertaining to post-adoption sibling contact.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 57—Kalra et al.
An act relating to forests.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 57 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Pocket Forest Initiative in the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and require CAL FIRE to implement the initiative, as prescribed, with applicable reporting requirements.

This bill results in General Fund impacts not included in the 2023 Budget Act and likely significant ongoing General Fund cost pressure to support grants to complete projects funded through the initiative.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 265—Boerner.
An act relating to taxation, and making an appropriation therefor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 265 without my signature.

This bill would require annual transfers from the General Fund to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizen Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Fund to ensure the balance each June 30 is $15 million. The PTP Program allows income-eligible homeowners who are seniors, blind, or disabled to defer their property taxes, secured by a lien against the property that is later repaid when the property is sold or refinanced. By design, the PTP Fund is structured to be self-sustaining.

The Department of Finance conducted an analysis of the PTP Program and concluded the program has enough funding for 2023–24, but cannot be sustained without an annual commitment of potentially millions of General Fund dollars to support it thereafter. While I support the PTP Program, discussions regarding this continuous appropriation should be considered in the annual budget process. While I am unable to sign this bill, I look forward to continuing discussions to identify necessary resources in the upcoming fiscal year.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. 
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 372—Stephanie Nguyen et al.
An act relating to CalWORKs.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 372 without my signature.

This bill would exempt income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) that is received from an apprenticeship or a pre-apprenticeship program approved by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards for purposes of determining California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) eligibility.

I appreciate the author’s intent to support low-income individuals participating in apprenticeship programs. However, this bill would result in ongoing costs of over $25 million annually, which should be considered as a part of the annual budget process.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 374—Haney.

An act relating to cannabis.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 374 without my signature.

This bill would allow local jurisdictions to permit certain cannabis retailers to prepare and sell food or drinks that do not contain cannabis, as well as host and sell tickets to live events at their licensed premises.

I appreciate the author’s intent to provide cannabis retailers with increased business opportunities and an avenue to attract new customers. However, I am concerned this bill could undermine California’s long-standing smoke-free workplace protections.

Protecting the health and safety of workers is paramount. I encourage the author to address this concern in subsequent legislation.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 404—Connolly.
An act relating to food and agriculture.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly
I am returning Assembly Bill 404 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), upon appropriation, to evaluate duplicative reporting requirements that affect certified organic grower operations, and to submit a report to the Legislature on its findings.

While I support the author’s goal to reduce regulatory burdens on certified organic operations, this bill is duplicative of existing efforts. CDFA, in collaboration with the California Environmental Protection Agency and State Water Resources Control Board, is currently conducting a project to evaluate reporting requirements on agricultural producers as part of an effort to streamline the administrative processes and optimize information collected by the state. Additionally, the 2023 Budget included resources to continue CDFA’s efforts to streamline licensing, permitting, certification, and registration processes to further reduce the burden of regulatory compliance. The evaluation and reporting required by this bill, however, were not accounted for in the annual budget process and would thus result in additional cost pressures on the General Fund.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 504 without my signature.

This bill would make it unlawful for public employers to take adverse action against public employees for refusing to enter the property of, or perform work for, a public employer involved in a primary strike and would void any policy or collective bargaining agreement prohibiting sympathy strikes.

Unfortunately, this bill is overly broad in scope and impact. The bill has the potential to seriously disrupt or even halt the delivery of critical public services, particularly in places where public services are co-located. This could have significant, negative impacts on a variety of government functions including academic operations for students, provision of services in rural communities where co-location of government agencies is common, and accessibility of a variety of safety net programs for millions of Californians.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 552—Bennett et al.
An act relating to agriculture.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 552 without my signature.

This bill directs the California Department of Food and Agriculture, upon appropriation, to establish the Regional Farmer Equipment and Cooperative Resources Assistance Pilot Program and provide resource-limited farmers and ranchers with financial and technical assistance to share equipment.

While I support the author’s goal to assist small-scale farmers and ranchers, this bill would create a new, unfunded grant program that should be considered as a part of the annual budget process.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 624—Grayson.
An act relating to public postsecondary education.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 624 without my signature.

This bill, commencing July 1, 2025, requires the California State University Trustees and requests the University of California Regents, to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments for learning disabilities as proof for academic accommodations for any student who receives financial assistance or is eligible for financial assistance from the institution’s health or disability center. The bill also specifies that state funds will be provided annually for the cost of these services, and that the Department of General Service shall oversee reimbursements to institutions for their documented costs.

While I support the author’s goal of supporting students with learning disabilities, unfortunately, the bill creates at least $5 million in ongoing General Fund costs that are not reflected in the state’s current fiscal plan. Additionally, the Department of General Service may not be the appropriate entity to administer the reimbursement.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 676—Bennett.
An act relating to water.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 676 without my signature.

Current law establishes, as state policy, the highest use of water shall be for domestic purposes. This bill would supplement that policy by specifying what constitutes domestic use, such as human consumption, household gardening and livestock care, and fire suppression.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to clarify existing law, which has remained untouched since 1943, this bill has the potential to introduce unnecessary legal uncertainty. Courts have defined domestic use for nearly half a century, and codifying specific definitions now unnecessarily risks inadvertent omissions.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 699—Weber et al.
An act relating to workers’ compensation.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 699 without my signature.

This bill would extend the rebuttable presumptions currently provided to safety officers for hernia, pneumonia, heart trouble, cancer, tuberculosis, bloodborne infectious disease, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus skin infections (MRSA), meningitis-related illnesses and injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and for illness or injury as a result of exposure to biochemical substances, to lifeguards employed on a year-round, full-time basis in the Boating Safety Unit by the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, but would except application of the skin cancer presumption to lifeguards in that Unit.

A presumption is not required for an occupational disease to be compensable. Although lifeguards engage in hazardous responsibilities, a presumption should be provided sparingly and based upon the unique hazards or proven difficulty of establishing a direct relationship between a disease or injury and the employee’s work. Although well-intentioned, the need for the presumption envisioned by this bill must be supported by clear and compelling evidence.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 782—McKinnor et al.
An act relating to healing arts.

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2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 782 without my signature.

This bill would exclude reconstitution of a drug pursuant to a manufacturer’s directions, tablet splitting or crushing, capsule opening, or the addition of a flavoring agent from the Pharmacy Law’s definition of compounding.

While I appreciate the author’s intention to maintain the current availability of flavored medication, this bill would create standards for California that do not meet the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary’s guidelines regarding compounding that have been put in place to minimize patients’ risk of harm.

This bill also contradicts AB 973, which I signed in 2019, which required both sterile and non-sterile compounding in California to be consistent with the United States Pharmacopeia guidelines, which ensured clear compounding standards and provided greater consumer safety. This bill would make exceptions to federal guidelines, which would pose a risk to consumers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 867—Friedman.

An act relating to public social services.

2023

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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 867 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a nonminor dependent to remain in extended foster care beyond the age of 21 until the county has provided the youth with the documents, information, and services needed for their transition.

While I appreciate the author’s work to support foster youth in successfully transitioning into adulthood, this bill will likely cost millions of dollars and must be considered in the annual budget process.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 881—Ting.
An act relating to jury duty.

2023
Sep. 14—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 881 without my signature.

This bill extends the existing pilot program authorizing the Superior Court of San Francisco to pay low-income trial jurors $100 per day for each day of service as a trial juror in a criminal case and expands it to four additional courts as selected by Judicial Council.

While I appreciate the author’s work to create a more equal justice system, this policy needs to be part of budget discussions. In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 912—Jones-Sawyer et al.
An act relating to youth.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 912 without my signature.

This bill would, subject to an appropriation, establish the Violence Reduction Grant Program to be administered by the Department of Justice, re-establish the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program to be administered by the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, and create additional grant programs designed to improve the health and well-being of youths in the State.

While I appreciate the author’s commitment to early interdiction and violence reduction efforts, this bill creates new additional cost pressures and must be considered in the annual budget in the context of all state funding priorities.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 945—Reyes.

An act relating to criminal procedure.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 945 without my signature.

This bill would require, beginning May 1, 2026, each court to report to the Judicial Council the rate of expungements granted to individuals who successfully participated as an incarcerated fire camp member or at an institutional firehouse. It would also require the Judicial Council to report the statewide data regarding these petitions. This bill would sunset on January 1, 2036.

While I appreciate the author’s dedication to ensuring that these individuals can reenter society and obtain meaningful employment, this bill would cost the state millions of dollars and must be considered in the annual budget process.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 970—Luz Rivas et al.
An act relating to insurance.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 970 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Insurance, upon appropriation, to establish and administer the Climate and Sustainability Insurance and Risk Reduction Program and creates eight climate insurance pilot projects to reduce physical risks from flooding and extreme heat in communities with high risks and low insurance uptake.

While I support the author’s goal to expand insurance options in communities where climate risks are currently underinsured, this bill creates a significant state reimbursable mandate and new cost pressures in the millions of dollars that should be considered in the annual budget process.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1065—Jim Patterson.
An act relating to communications.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 1065 without my signature.

This bill specifies that wireless internet service providers are eligible to apply for and receive funding from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) last-mile Broadband Infrastructure Account (BIA) and the Federal Funding Account (FFA).

The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the importance of making broadband service accessible and affordable to ALL Californians. In 2021, I signed into law Senate Bill 156, which invests $6 billion in broadband infrastructure, of which $2 billion is allocated to the streamlined last-mile FFA program to connect households and businesses with time-limited federal funds.

The goal of this last-mile grant program, administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), is to expeditiously connect unserved and underserved communities to future-proof broadband service.

Unfortunately, this bill would delay this effort by requiring the CPUC to halt the FFA program and modify the rules governing this program through a lengthy process. This could jeopardize the CPUC’s ability to meet federal funding encumbrance deadlines and it could significantly disrupt the review of project grant applications that were recently submitted.

As I noted last year in my veto message to Assembly Bill 2749 (Quirk-Silva), we simply cannot afford to delay the implementation of the FFA program, as investing in scalable broadband infrastructure is foundational to connecting every Californian to long-lasting economic opportunity and success.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1079—Jackson et al.
An act relating to discrimination.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1079 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Public Health, subject to appropriation, to establish the Hate Crimes Intervention Program within the Injury and Violence Prevention Branch to implement community interventions in conjunction with community leaders and organizations in communities that have been most impacted by hate crimes. Additionally, the bill requires the Civil Rights Department to create and implement statewide and regional campaigns to discourage discrimination based upon, but not limited to, disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. These are costs not accounted for in the annual budget.

I share the author’s objective to reduce hate crime and discrimination in California, which is why we have funded a comprehensive strategy to fight hate violence and discrimination in the budget. Specifically, the State has invested $150 million for a multi-year grant program to support community services for victims and survivors of hate acts across impacted communities as informed by public data. The State, additionally, established the Commission on the State of Hate to assess data on hate crimes in California, provide resources for victims, and make policy recommendations to better protect civil rights, and announced the launch of CA vs. Hate, a new statewide hotline to report hate acts in California and connect victims with services, among other efforts.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1112—McKinnor.

An act relating to public social services.

2023
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Oct.  8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1112 without my signature.

This bill would require counties to expand eligibility for the foster youth clothing allowance benefit and the expectant parent benefit to include foster youth who do not reside in an approved placement.

I share the author’s commitment to ensure that foster youth receive the benefits and support services they need. However, the foster care system works to ensure that youth are placed in a safe, stable, and homelike environment. Without an approved placement, foster youth are not eligible to receive foster care payments. As written, this bill could perpetuate foster youth remaining in a placement that is not approved or the safest option for them. Further, because foster care was realigned to counties, the state General Fund would be responsible for offsetting any new county costs for implementation, and such costs should be considered in the context of the broader budget.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1145—Maienschein.
An act relating to workers’ compensation.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1145 without my signature.

This bill would establish a statutory post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) presumption for certain state nurses, psychiatric technicians, and various medical and social services specialists employed by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and the State Department of State Hospitals (DSH), who provide direct care to prison inmates and state hospital patients.

I am a firm supporter of the ability of individuals to seek treatment for mental health conditions and my Administration has initiated multiple programs to provide our valued workforce with mental wellness support during times of trauma. Additionally, the Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Acute Stress Disorder Guideline was adopted in 2019.

PTSD is compensable under the workers compensation system. However, altering the burden of proof through a presumption should be provided sparingly and based upon the unique hazards or proven difficulty of establishing a direct relationship between a disease or injury and the employee’s work. Although well-intentioned, the need for the presumption envisioned by this bill must be supported by clear and compelling evidence.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1207 without my signature.

This bill defines the term “attractive to children” under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (Proposition 64), and expressly prohibits the manufacture, distribution, and sale of cannabis or cannabis-related products that are attractive to children.

When the voters passed Proposition 64, they enacted robust protections shielding youth from exposure to cannabis and cannabis-related products. Among other things, voters prohibited cannabis licensees from using packaging, labeling, marketing, and advertising that is attractive to children. To further this intent, the Department of Cannabis Control promulgated regulations establishing extensive labeling and advertising requirements to ensure commercial cannabis products are not marketed to children.

While I deeply appreciate and agree with the author’s intent, I am concerned that the definition of “attractive to children” used in this bill is overly broad. By prohibiting entire categories of images, this bill would sweep in commonplace designs, and I am not convinced that these additional limits will meaningfully protect children beyond what is required under existing law.

California must continue to refine and advance its regulation of cannabis to protect the health and safety of children. As such, I am directing the Department of Cannabis Control to strengthen and expand existing youth-related cannabis protections - including measures to enhance enforcement of those protections.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1517—Gallagher et al.
An act relating to special education.

2023
Sep. 22—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1517 without my signature.

This bill creates a more specific role for special education local plan areas (SELPAs) to determine school district fiscal and instructional actions for students with disabilities in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), participate in all technical assistance for districts identified as needing assistance based on the performance of their students with disabilities student group, and adds requirements to the SELPA Local Plan related to technical assistance work.

I have championed many efforts to improve outcomes for students with disabilities and have worked with the Legislature to allocate increased special education funding and establish Special Education Resource Leads. This bill does not account for the important changes to California’s school support and accountability system that my Administration worked in partnership with the Legislature to include in the 2023 State Budget requiring districts to specifically address low performance of any student group, including special education students, at the school and district levels in their LCAP. These improvements also provide for related targeted support and assistance from county offices of education and applicable lead agencies in the Statewide System of Support. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1536 without my signature.

This bill would expand eligibility for the Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled Legal Immigrants (CAPI) program to include all eligible immigrants, regardless of their legal immigration status.

While I appreciate the author’s goal to expand CAPI eligibility regardless of immigration status, enacting this policy without providing funding would not be prudent nor would it meet its intended purpose. My Administration has taken significant steps to support the undocumented community, including the recent expansion of eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status. This year, the 2023 Budget Act includes $40 million to begin automation and outreach efforts to expand the California Food Assistance Program to income-eligible individuals aged 55 years or older, regardless of their immigration status.

This bill would result in significant costs of over $100 million General Fund annually, because CAPI is a state-only program. These costs must be considered alongside other budgetary priorities as part of the annual budget process.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1628—McKinnor et al.
An act relating to environmental health.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60
calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to
consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a
law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1628 without my signature.

This bill would require all new washing machines sold in California for residential or state use to contain a microfiber filtration system by January 1, 2029, and allows the Attorney General or local prosecutors to assess civil penalties for a violation of this requirement.

My Administration takes seriously the need to reduce the presence of microfibers in our wastewater system. The State Water Board is currently assessing the potential impacts of microplastic pollution to aquatic ecosystems in coastal and estuarine environments, as well as humans through exposure in drinking water. However, I am concerned that this bill will increase costs to consumers in advance of further research being completed and establishing the public policy rationale and details for new residential requirements.

In the interim, I encourage the author to consider alternative approaches to incentivize, rather than mandate, the use of filters or other technologies that could remove microfibers in wastewater.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1677—McKinnor et al.
An act relating to public employment.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill AB 1677 without my signature.

This bill requires the University of California, Berkeley, Labor Center to study the salary structure of state scientists represented by State Bargaining Unit 10 and requires the state to implement any increase in compensation resulting from the study.

This bill’s requirement to implement any increase in compensation resulting from the study effectively circumvents the collective bargaining process and limits the state’s ability to consider various economic factors that impact the state or Bargaining Unit 10 members when proposing compensation packages during negotiations.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1726—Kalra.
An act relating to crimes.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1726 without my signature.

This bill would create a presumption that convictions under various Penal Code sections are legally invalid due to specified defects at the time of the convictions.

When I signed Senate Bill 357 (2022) which repealed penal code section 653.22 (loitering with the intent to commit prostitution), I committed to monitoring crime and prosecution trends for any possible unintended consequences. Given that this legislation was signed just last year, and we continue to monitor, further changes to the law are premature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 37—Bonta et al.
An act relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 37 without my signature.

This bill would expand what qualifies as an allowable use of campaign funds for security-related expenses.

While I support the author’s intention, the bill as drafted does not clearly define “security expenses.” Without more guidance on what would or would not be allowed as a legitimate use of campaign funds, this bill could have unintended consequences and could lead to use of political donations for expenditures far beyond what any reasonable donor would expect. We must ensure political donations are utilized in a manner consistent with their intended purpose.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 41—Holden et al.
An act relating to telecommunications.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60
calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to
consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a
law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 41 without my signature.

This bill makes minor changes to the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (DIVCA). Two years ago, I signed SB 28 (2021), which made minor changes to DIVCA. In signing that bill I encouraged the Legislature to go further on DIVCA reform. Unfortunately, this bill does not go far enough.

While I greatly value and appreciate the efforts made by the author, the changes this bill makes will not meaningfully increase digital equity in California. I am deeply committed to providing access to broadband services to ALL Californians. So much so that in 2021, I worked with the Legislature to pass an historic $6 billion broadband infrastructure investment to bridge the Digital Divide.

If we are going to close the Digital Divide once and for all, we must build on these efforts and consider strategic reforms to the policy tools at our disposal. To that end, I look forward to partnering with the Legislature to further our broadband access and affordability efforts.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 246—Papan et al.

An act relating to product safety.

2023

Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 246 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit, by 2025, the manufacture, distribution, or sale of menstrual products that contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at a certain concentration level, as well as limit, by 2027, the concentration of total organic fluorine in menstrual products.

This is one of three single-product chemical bans passed by the Legislature this year that attempt to address serious concerns with the presence of PFAS in consumer products. These bills do not identify or require any regulatory agency to determine compliance with, or enforce, the proposed statute.

While I strongly support the author’s intent and have signed similar legislation in the past, I am concerned that this bill falls short of providing enhanced protection to California consumers due to lack of regulatory oversight. Previously enacted single-product chemical bans, which also lack oversight, are proving challenging to implement, with inconsistent interpretations and confusion among manufacturers about how to comply with the restrictions.

In order to instill consumer confidence and effectively address public health and environmental concerns, I am directing the Department of Toxic Substances Control to engage with the author and the Legislature and consider alternative approaches to regulating the use of these harmful chemicals in consumer products.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 249—Holden et al.
An act relating to water.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 249 without my signature.

This bill would require community water systems serving schoolsites with buildings constructed before January 1, 2010, to test for lead at each of those schoolsites’ potable water system outlets. It also establishes notification and remediation requirements for local educational agencies if testing results show certain lead levels for any outlet and requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to collect, track, and publicly post certain compliance data, and enforce this bill’s provisions.

Minimizing childhood exposure to lead in drinking water is a critical issue. While I support the author’s commitment to ensure safe drinking water in schools, this bill contains several problematic provisions and cannot be implemented as drafted. The bill constitutes an entirely new enforcement role for the State Water Board, requires the creation of a costly database for tracking compliance and enforcement, and contains an infeasible implementation timeline.

Although some funding was included in the 2023 budget for testing and remediation, the bill lacks key provisions for efficiently administering the funding and is inadequate to cover the full cost of implementation. Additionally, this bill creates a reimbursable state mandate with ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund costs that could range into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

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Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 273—Ramos et al.
An act relating to foster care.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 273 without my signature.

This bill would establish additional requirements for social workers, probation officers, and juvenile courts when a child or non-minor dependent (NMD) is missing from foster care, including immediate notification requirements, hearing timelines, and due diligence reporting deadlines.

Locating missing children in foster care is a time-sensitive and critical undertaking for the safety and well-being of the child. More can always be done to protect this vulnerable population, which is why I am directing the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to work with county partners to assess existing protocols and identify any needed improvements. With that information, CDSS will work with the author and stakeholders to inform additional guidance, training, or recommend statutory changes to protect all foster youth, especially tribal youth.

This bill, however, would result in estimated ongoing costs of $10 million General Fund to support the administrative workload for counties, automation costs, and additional workload for the courts, funding not contemplated in the annual budget.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 304—Holden et al.
An act relating to domestic violence.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 304 without my signature.

This bill transfers responsibility for approving and overseeing batterer’s intervention programs from county probation departments to the Department of Justice. This bill also requires the Judicial Council to make changes to judicial training programs on domestic violence.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 376—Villapudua.
An act relating to student financial aid.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 376 without my signature.

This bill would establish a pilot program available until January 1, 2028, for the purpose of expanding Cal Grant C eligibility to students participating in entry-level truck driving programs that meet specific requirements. This bill also requires the California Student Aid Commission, in consultation with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, to submit a report to the Legislature, by April 1, 2027, about the pilot program.

I thank the author for his commitment to address the driver shortage in the trucking industry. However, this bill results in significant General Fund cost pressures and staff workload that are not currently part of the state’s fiscal plan and are more appropriately addressed in the annual budget process.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 384—Calderon et al.
An act relating to school facilities.

2023
Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 384 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Education to conduct a research study by January 1, 2026, on recommended indoor air temperature ranges and temperature control standards for public K-12 schools and compile a statewide inventory of heating and cooling systems based on a representative sample. The results of the research study would then be used to develop policy recommendations by January 1, 2027, for safe indoor air temperature standards for public K-12 school facilities.

While I appreciate the author’s goal of supporting access to indoor temperatures most conducive to student learning, this bill creates significant long-term cost pressures that are not accounted for in the budget.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 407—Chen.
An act relating to hazardous waste.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 407 without my signature.

This bill would exempt used oil from state regulation as a hazardous waste if it meets the testing, certification, and record-keeping requirements for highly controlled used oil.

Despite meeting certain purity standards, highly controlled used oil is still a hazardous material requiring oversight to mitigate public health and environmental concerns. While I appreciate the author’s intent to provide used oil generators with alternative pathways to more sustainable recycling options, this bill undermines the ability of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to investigate and prove violations of improper used oil management practices.

I encourage the author to work with the DTSC to develop strategies to achieve recyclability of used oil that are consistent with state health and environmental standards.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 448—Juan Carrillo et al.
An act relating to juveniles.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 448 without my signature.

This bill would require a social worker to conduct a family-finding investigation to identify and locate adult relatives within 30 days after a child has been taken into temporary custody and would make changes to reporting and documentation requirements for social workers and probation officers.

My Administration recognizes the value of keeping children connected to their biological and extended families. Children placed with family members have greater placement stability, fewer emotional and behavioral problems, and more connection to their social-cultural communities. Existing law already requires that, if a child is removed from their home, the social worker or probation officer must, within 30 days, investigate to identify adult relatives of the child.

Last year’s Budget Act allocated $150 million General Fund for the Excellence in Family Finding, Engagement, and Support Program, which supports culturally responsive, family-centered, and trauma-informed family-finding and engagement services that focus on maintaining permanent connections for foster children with their family members. The new documentation requirements in this bill would result in ongoing General Fund costs of over $6 million to support the increased administrative workload for county child welfare agencies and county probation departments. Though this policy has merit, its costs must be considered as part of the annual budget process.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 464—Schiavo et al.
An act relating to public documents.

2023
Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 464 without my signature.

This bill, contingent on appropriation, would provide beneficiaries of specified public assistance programs with the opportunity to receive birth certificates, marriage certificates, and marriage dissolution records at no cost. Additionally, this bill, beginning July 1, 2027, requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide driver’s licenses free of charge to individuals who are homeless.

I appreciate the author’s efforts to provide free driver’s licenses to homeless individuals and no-cost vital records for beneficiaries of government assistance programs; however, this bill would result in tens of millions of dollars in ongoing costs not contemplated in the budget. Additionally, provisions of this bill are similar to AB 2510, which I vetoed last year due to budget impacts. As stated in that message, I believe there are more efficient ways of assisting this population, and I look forward to working with the Legislature on this important issue.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 474—Rodriguez et al.
An act relating to state government.

2023
Sep. 18—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 474 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Threat Assessment Center (STAC) to prioritize, to the greatest extent possible, cooperation with state and local efforts to illuminate, disrupt, degrade, and dismantle Transnational Criminal Organizations trafficking opioid drugs that pose a threat to California.

Tackling opioid trafficking by Transnational Criminal Organizations is a priority for my Administration, evidenced by our 2023 Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis. We have invested over $1 billion to help stop opioid trafficking and enforce the law, combat overdoses, support those with opioid use disorder, and raise awareness about the dangers of opioids.

The STAC currently has the authority to address and prioritize opioid trafficking, and it already does. Furthermore, the threats facing California are constantly evolving, and law enforcement agencies need flexibility to shift priorities to meet this ever-changing threat landscape. This bill would limit this flexibility, with a detrimental impact on public safety and national security.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 524—Wicks.

An act relating to employment.

2023

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 524 without my signature.

This bill would add “family caregiver status” as a characteristic protected under the Fair Employment and Housing Act’s employment provisions.

During my tenure as Governor I have consistently advanced policies to help parents and families, including expanding paid family leave and increasing the state’s investment in childcare. While I appreciate the intent of this bill, I am concerned about the large burden it will place on employers, particularly small businesses, especially given the ambiguous nature of the language.

Although the bill does not require employers to provide “special accommodations” based on “family caregiver status,” it is not clear what types of acts would constitute unlawful discrimination and what types of acts would be lawful denials of “special accommodations.” Given this ambiguity, this bill would be difficult to implement and lead to costly litigation for employers in California.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 575—Papan et al.

An act relating to unemployment insurance, and making an appropriation therefor.

2023

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 575 without my signature.

This bill would expand eligibility for Paid Family Leave (PFL) benefits to include workers who take time off from work to bond with a child for whom they are acting in loco parentis. The bill also removes the restriction that only one family member at a time is allowed to access PFL benefits and also removes the provision that allows an employer to require an employee to use up to two weeks of vacation time before they can access PFL benefits.

I am a strong advocate for and believe in supporting individuals to care for family members or bond with a new child and have worked to expand access to the Disability Insurance (DI) and PFL programs. In 2019, I signed SB 83 which extended the maximum duration of PFL benefits from six to eight weeks. And in 2022, I signed SB 951, which, beginning in 2025, will permanently increase the wage replacement rate for these programs to 70-90 percent based on the individual’s wages. This is significant progress, and I am proud of the advancements we have made in collaboration with the Legislature. This bill, however, would create pressure on the DI Trust Fund’s solvency and adequacy resulting in higher disability contributions paid by employees. In addition, it contains implementation costs not accounted for in the annual budget process.

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With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined in considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 603—Cervantes.
An act relating to public postsecondary education.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 603 without my signature.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the California State University Trustees, and requests the University of California Regents, to publish a report on the diversity of the student body and the governing board of their respective segments, on or before July 1 of each year.

I share the author’s commitment to, and take great pride in, the diversity of California’s public higher education systems. My Administration has demonstrated this commitment by making appointments at every level of government, including at the three segments, that reflect both California’s diversity and the diversity of the student body. While I understand the author’s goal, the demographic information regarding the governing board members is optional and self-reported. Additionally, all three segments provide demographic information on their student bodies and biographies of their governing board members, which are easily accessible on their websites.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 695—Pacheco.
An act relating to juveniles.

2023
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2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 695 without my signature.

This bill creates, upon appropriation, the Juvenile Detention Facilities Improvement Grant Program, to be administered by the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, to provide grants to a county of the first class (counties containing a population of 4,000,000) to address the infrastructure needs of the state’s detained and supervised youth in the county.

New grant programs such as the program proposed in this bill must be considered and evaluated in the annual budget process in the context of all state funding priorities.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 727—Weber.

An act relating to product safety.

2023

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 727 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit, by 2026, the manufacture, distribution, or sale of cleaning products that contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and would apply this ban, by 2028, to floor sealer or floor finish products.

This is one of three single-product chemical bans passed by the Legislature this year that attempt to address serious concerns with the presence of PFAS in consumer products. These bills do not identify or require any regulatory agency to determine compliance with, or enforce, the proposed statute.

While I strongly support the author’s intent and have signed similar legislation in the past, I am concerned this bill falls short of providing enhanced protection to California consumers due to lack of regulatory oversight. Previously enacted single-product chemical bans, which also lack oversight, are proving challenging to implement, with inconsistent interpretations and confusion among manufacturers about how to comply with the restrictions.

In order to instill consumer confidence and effectively address public health and environmental concerns, I am directing the Department of Toxic Substances Control to engage with the author and the Legislature and consider alternative approaches to regulating the use of these harmful chemicals in consumer products.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 733—Mike Fong et al.
An act relating to firearms.

2023
Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 733 without my signature.

This bill would, beginning January 1, 2025, prohibit public agencies from selling firearms, ammunition, or body armor. This bill contains exemptions to the general prohibition, including an exemption to allow law enforcement agencies to resell firearms to a licensed firearms dealer who contractually agrees to resell only to a law enforcement agency.

While I applaud the author for efforts to curb gun violence, I am concerned about the cost implications of this legislation. Law enforcement agencies, both local and state, oftentimes sell their firearms to a dealer when they upgrade. I am concerned that this bill, which limits these sales to a dealer who contractually agrees to resell only to a law enforcement agency, will restrict the ability to trade in these firearms and will cost law enforcement agencies across the state millions of dollars at a time when resources are limited, and staffing is low.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 746—Sanchez.
An act relating to student financial aid.

2023
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2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 746 without my signature.

This bill would modify eligibility for the Learning-Aligned Employment Program to remove specific restrictions on students working for public postsecondary educational institutions.

The Learning-Aligned Employment Program was established in 2021 to offer eligible students at public institutions of higher education the opportunity to defray the cost of attendance while gaining education-aligned, career-related employment outside the classroom. It is a priority of my Administration to increase the connectivity between students and career experiences in placements beyond the confines of their college campus. With $500 million committed to this program, it is an essential tool for increasing student awareness of career opportunities as well as developing skills for future career success. The provisions of this bill undermine the intent and purpose of the Learning-Aligned Employment Program.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 748—Villapudua et al.
An act relating to vessels.

2023
Sep. 18—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 748 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program and a multi-agency task force to identify, prioritize, and fund the removal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels across the state.

While I support the author’s attempt to create a statewide approach to address abandoned and derelict commercial vessels in California that pose significant public health, safety, and environmental risks, this program was not accounted for in the 2023 Budget Act. Implementation across the relevant agencies is expected to cost about $7.5 million in year 1 with ongoing General Fund impacts.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 753—Papan et al.
An act relating to water quality, and making an appropriation therefor.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 753 without my signature.

This bill establishes a new state fund for water quality projects with a focus on providing greenspace within disadvantaged communities and requires forty percent of annual revenue be taken from the Cleanup and Abatement Fund within the State Water Resources Control Board to fund these projects.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to improve clean up of local waterways in disadvantaged communities, this bill reallocates revenue from an oversubscribed fund that is utilized to clean up waste, abate the effects of waste on waters of the state, and address urgent drinking water needs. This funding represents a critical need and we cannot afford to redirect it to a new account.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 811—Mike Fong.
An act relating to community colleges.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 811 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a student to repeat, up to two times, a credit course at a California Community College in arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, and English as a second language, if the student previously received a satisfactory grade and is taking the course for enrichment or skill-building purposes.

In recent years, the California Community Colleges (CCC) have been intently focused on improving student success, reducing excess course units and improving transfer rates. While one of the main goals of this bill is help increase enrollment at the CCC, it also creates a fiscal incentive for community colleges to encourage repeating certain credit courses contrary to the Vision for Success, the Roadmap for the California Community Colleges and key legislative efforts, such as AB 705 (Irwin, 2017). My Administration continues to be committed to working with the Legislature, the CCC and stakeholders to find other ways to increase enrollment at the CCC. But this bill moves us away from our shared, stated goals.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 819—Bryan.
An act relating to crimes.

2023
Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 819 without my signature.

This bill would provide that a third or subsequent fare evasion violation is no longer a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in county jail for a period of not more than 90 days and make it a fine of not more than $400.

Fare evasion continues to be an issue for transit operators across the state, costing them tens of millions of dollars a year. According to one operator, the bulk of the crimes committed in their system are committed by people who have not paid a fare. I cannot take an action to reduce penalties on fare evasion that could, in turn, contribute to an increase in crime on transit.

Given this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 825—Bryan.

An act relating to bicycles.

2023

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 825 without my signature.

This bill, with limited exceptions, would prohibit local jurisdictions from banning bicycling on sidewalks located adjacent to streets and roads without bike lanes, until January 1, 2031.

I appreciate the author’s commitment to address bicycle safety and enforcement issues; however, the approach in this bill would create serious safety issues - both for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Most sidewalks are not designed for bicyclists to safely use them, and riding on sidewalks would significantly increase the risk of collisions with pedestrians.

Under my Administration, investments to fix and build safe and connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on and across state highways has quadrupled, and Caltrans is planning for even greater levels of investments using historic federal funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

In addition, the state budget recently included investments in the Active Transportation Program (ATP) with an infusion of $1 billion above and beyond the ongoing funding available for this important program. In its administration of the ATP, the California Transportation Commission has overwhelmingly focused investments to improve biking and walking in disadvantaged communities.

Increasing the vulnerability of pedestrians is not a solution to addressing the safety needs of bicyclists. We need to continue our efforts to deliver the necessary infrastructure in all of our communities for safe bicycle and pedestrian travel.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 843—Juan Carrillo.

An act relating to public social services.

2023

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 843 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to promptly reimburse any benefits issued via the electronic benefits transfer (EBT) system when electronically stolen or lost, including cash and food benefits.

I appreciate the author’s desire to remedy lost EBT cards, as these supports are important resources for the people that receive them. As such, CDSS has been working with counties since 2021 to implement policies to replace electronically stolen CalFresh benefits, and the department has taken several measures to prevent theft in the future. CDSS partners with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to conduct investigations against EBT fraud, blocks early morning and out-of-state ATM withdrawals unless requested, and provides client educational materials informing of the risks of electronic theft and prevention measures. Further, CDSS is launching the ebtEDGE mobile app this year, so cardholders can freeze their card, reset their PIN, and request a new card easily, and additionally will be replacing EBT cards with Chip EMV/Tap cards beginning May 2024.

This bill, however, would create a new mandate for CDSS to reimburse a wider scope of benefits beyond CalFresh, resulting in significant General Fund costs in the tens of millions annually that are not included in the state’s budget. Additionally, this bill may create a state-reimbursable mandate for county welfare departments because it requires a higher level of service.

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A.B. No. 843—Juan Carrillo.—continued

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 859—Gallagher et al.
An act relating to fish and game.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 859 without my signature.

This bill would modify existing law that prohibits the use of temporarily inundated lands for hunting without written permission to instead authorize the use of temporarily inundated navigable waters for hunting.

I support the intent of this bill to clarify the public’s right to navigate temporarily inundated waterways for fishing, hunting, or other enjoyment, as guaranteed by the California Constitution. However, this bill contains overly broad language that could extend access rights beyond the public trust doctrine, thus impacting private property owners’ rights. The bill also creates inconsistency with the definition of navigable waters in the Harbors and Navigation Code, which is likely to result in confusion in communities across California. I encourage the Legislature to refine these revisions in subsequent legislation.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 875 without my signature.

This bill would, beginning January 1, 2025, require courts to report data to the Judicial Council related to unlawful detainer cases and COVID-19 rental debt in Small Claims Court.

I appreciate the author’s long-standing commitment to increasing access and transparency in the justice system. That said, this bill could cost the state millions of dollars and must be considered as part of the annual budget process. In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

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For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 962—Vince Fong et al.

An act relating to identification cards.

2023

Sep. 14—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 962 without my signature.

This bill, beginning January 1, 2027, would lower by two dollars the California Consumer Price Index-adjusted fee for reduced-fee identification cards.

While I appreciate the author’s efforts to provide financial relief for low-income Californians, this bill creates new additional cost pressures on the Motor Vehicle Account (MVA), which is facing insolvency. Any proposals that increase expenditures or reduce revenues will exacerbate fiscal pressures on the fund and must be considered in the annual budget process in the context of all priorities to be paid from the MVA.

In addition, seniors over the age of 62 and persons who are homeless can already obtain an identification card at no cost. Individuals who meet the income requirements for certain public benefits are eligible for a reduced fee of $10. Because identification cards are valid for six years, the reduction proposed in this bill represents a $0.33 savings per year per eligible customer. There may be more effective ways of providing relief to low-income Californians without negatively impacting the condition of the Motor Vehicle Account.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1002—Irwin et al.
An act relating to taxation.

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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1002 without my signature.

This bill, beginning with the 2026 tax year, would require the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to develop a form that qualified individuals can use in lieu of a tax return to claim the California Earned Income Tax Credit, the Young Child Tax Credit, and the Foster Youth Tax Credit. This bill would allow the Department of Social Services and Department of Health Care Services to exchange data with the FTB for purposes of implementing the form.

While I appreciate the author’s goal to increase utilization of these credits by eligible individuals, creating a separate form to claim tax credits may create confusion for taxpayers and result in them not claiming other tax credits that they are entitled to under the tax system, including federal tax credits. Further, implementation of this bill would result in ongoing General Fund costs in the millions of dollars not contemplated in the budget.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1057—Weber et al.
An act relating to public health.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 1057 without my signature.

This bill would codify the existing California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) and require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to allocate funds to participating Local Health Departments to implement the CHVP using any federally approved home visiting model. CDPH would be required to submit a report to the Legislature every two years on performance outcomes.

I support the author’s goal to improve maternal, child, and infant health outcomes, and cultivate strong families and communities. For this reason, I am instructing CDPH to ensure there is collaboration with home visiting partners, local health directors, local health officers, and other affected stakeholders to meet local CHVP needs. However, this bill creates new General Fund costs that are not included in the budget, as well as cost pressures if the CHVP approves additional home visiting models outside of the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians.

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For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1063—Gabriel.
An act relating to public health.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1063 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to annually review its enforcement of hospital nurse-to-patient ratio regulations and submit a public report with its findings to the Legislature beginning January 1, 2025. The bill would also require CDPH to hold a public hearing at least every two years to receive input from nurses and other stakeholders regarding the efficacy of the department’s enforcement.

I agree it is important to ensure nurse-to-patient staffing ratios are enforced properly for patient safety and maintaining the nursing workforce. However, much of the information this bill seeks to document is already publicly available. Further, this Administration prioritizes ongoing and open engagement with stakeholders. A biennial, public hearing is unnecessary for the state to receive input and make changes.

I am directing CDPH to continue actively consulting with nurses and their representative labor groups to identify additional opportunities to increase transparency and communication. Further, I have asked CDPH to update their hospital citations tracking system to include a category specific to nurse-to-patient ratio violations, and to publish this on the Center for Health Care Quality’s State Enforcement Tracking Dashboard.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1202—Lackey et al.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1202 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to prepare a public report including information on each Medi-Cal managed care plan’s network adequacy of pediatric primary care, data on beneficiaries, and reporting on DHCS’ efforts to improve access.

I am a proponent of transparency; however, this bill’s data collection and reporting requirements are largely duplicative of existing efforts. DHCS currently publicly reports on managed care and fee for service adequacy. Each year, DHCS also publishes a Health Disparities Report. Further, DHCS is currently developing the CalAIM dashboard, which will include additional data that aligns with what this bill calls for. The existing data that is available should be evaluated and leveraged before adding new administrative requirements.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1213—Ortega.
An act relating to workers’ compensation.

2023
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2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1213 without my signature.

This bill would provide, until January 1, 2027, that when a utilization review (UR) denial of treatment is overturned by independent medical review (IMR) or by the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board, any temporary disability (TD) payments received during this period would not be included in the maximum aggregate calculation of TD payments.

While I understand the goal of the author and sponsor, there is a lack of data to support such a change. Under the existing workers’ compensation system, employers are required to establish a UR process to evaluate the necessity and appropriateness of requested medical treatments. This process is in place to ensure that employees receive the appropriate evidence-based medical care.

Realigning incentives is an important policy tool to deliver on our shared goal of returning injured workers back to work. Such realignment should be done cautiously to avoid further friction in the system that frustrates the objective of providing timely treatment, prompt payment of benefits and returning injured workers back to work. Unfortunately, this bill does not strike the right balance.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1288—Rendon et al.
An act relating to health care coverage.

2023
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Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1288 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit health plans from requiring prior authorization or step therapy for a naloxone product or other opioid antagonist approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), buprenorphine product, methadone, or long-acting injectable naltrexone for detoxification or treatment of a substance use disorder.

I appreciate the author’s intent to increase access to medication for opioid use disorder. My Administration takes the opioid crisis seriously, as evidenced by the over $1 billion invested to combat overdoses, support those with opioid use disorder, raise awareness, and crack down on trafficking. However, utilization review is an important tool to contain health care costs, protect patients from unanticipated billing, and ensure medically necessary care. While immediacy of treatment is important, prior authorization also helps avoid fraudulent requests or abuse of the drugs addressed in this bill, such as methadone.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1356 without my signature.

This bill would amend the California Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act (Cal/WARN) to, among other things, increase the amount of notice that an employer must provide before a mass layoff, termination, or relocation from 60 days to 75 days; expand the law’s coverage to include contract workers among the employees that an employer must notify; and significantly revise the definition of “covered establishment” to include a single location or a group of locations, including any facilities located in California.

The inclusion of employees of labor contractors, while laudable in its intent, risks imposing liability on client employers who cannot reasonably be expected to know whether their actions will cause job loss for employees of their subcontractors and may not have the information necessary to provide the required notice.

In addition, expanding the definition of “covered establishment” to include a group of locations anywhere in the state and subjects chain businesses, such as restaurants, to the law’s requirements even where layoffs are unrelated and occur in geographically disparate regions of the state. It is not clear that this change is consistent with the purpose of Cal/WARN to protect local communities and enable a rapid response to a potential shock to a local economy and workforce.

I urge the author to work with my Administration to develop solutions that may better address the problem, while fulfilling the objectives of Cal/WARN.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1423—Schiavo.

An act relating to product safety.

2023

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1423 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit, by 2026, a person, public entity, or educational institution from purchasing or installing artificial turf that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at a certain concentration level.

This is one of three single-product chemical bans passed by the Legislature this year that attempt to address serious concerns with the presence of PFAS in consumer products. These bills do not identify or require any regulatory agency to determine compliance with, or enforce, the proposed statute.

While I strongly support the author’s intent and have signed similar legislation in the past, I am concerned that this bill falls short of providing enhanced protection to California consumers due to lack of regulatory oversight. Previously enacted single-product chemical bans, which also lack oversight, are proving challenging to implement, with inconsistent interpretations and confusion among manufacturers about how to comply with the restrictions.

In order to instill consumer confidence and effectively address public health and environmental concerns, I am directing the Department of Toxic Substances Control to engage with the author and the Legislature and consider alternative approaches to regulating the use of these harmful chemicals in consumer products.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1435—Lackey.
An act relating to the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

2023
Sep.  21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct.  8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan.  3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1435 without my signature.

This bill would, until January 1, 2027, raise the maximum age of a person who may qualify for appointment to the position of entry level peace officer in the California Highway Patrol (CHP) from 35 to 40 years.

While I appreciate that this bill is intended to help with the recruitment of CHP officers, this bill is not needed at this time. CHP has already taken steps to increase its number of applicants and cadets. As a result of current efforts, CHP is on track to double the number of cadets attending its academy this year compared to last year.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

I am, however, directing CHP to evaluate raising the maximum age for appointment to an entry-level peace officer position at CHP, and whether such a policy could enhance the effectiveness of their recruitment efforts. If they determine that increasing the maximum age would be beneficial to the CHP, my Administration will work with the legislature to advance legislation.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1437—Irwin et al.

An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1437 without my signature.

This bill would require the Medi-Cal program to automatically approve any prescription refill for serious mental illness (SMI) for a period of 365 days after the initial prescription is dispensed for a beneficiary 18 years or older,

I appreciate the author’s intent to increase Medi-Cal beneficiaries’ access and adherence to SMI drugs. However, this approach does not address the underlying obstacles with medication adherence and would remove clinical safeguards. Currently most medications used for an SMI are covered without prior authorization, and if prior authorization is needed, DHCS provides a response within 24 hours and allows emergency coverage of a drug up to 14 days. In instances where prior authorization is required, it is in place for patient safety. Maintaining utilization control is important to contain health care costs, protect patients, and ensure medically necessary care.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1479—Garcia.
An act relating to pupil health.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:
I am returning Assembly Bill 1479 without my signature.

The bill, contingent upon an appropriation, establishes the Pupil Social-Emotional, Behavioral, and Mental Health Program to be administered by the Department of Education. The Program seeks to provide grants to eligible local educational agencies to deliver evidence-based social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health supports to students and families.

Unfortunately, this specific proposal creates additional significant ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund cost pressures up to tens of millions of dollars that are not accounted for in the state budget plan and may be duplicative of other investments made in prior budgets. The 2021 Budget Act provided $50 million to support the Scale Up Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Statewide Initiative, which provides grants to support schools in implementing services or practices aligned to the MTSS framework. Additionally, the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative is a $4.7 billion investment towards ensuring that every Californian aged 0-25 has increased access to behavioral health supports.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.
Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1489—Wood.
   An act relating to solid waste.

   2023
   Sep.  20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
   Oct.  8—Vetoed by Governor.

   2024
   Jan.  3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60
   calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to
   consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a
   law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1489 without my signature.

This bill would specify that compostable covered materials are not subject to the source reduction
requirements of the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54),
thereby exempting compostable plastics.

Last year, I signed SB 54 (Allen, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022), which established a comprehensive
regulatory framework and the nation’s most ambitious goals to reduce single-use plastic in this state. It
also set aggressive timelines for the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to
implement a new and complex program.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to support compostable materials, the changes proposed by this bill
will interfere with CalRecycle’s ability to meet its statutory obligations to adopt regulations by January
1, 2025, as set by the Legislature. I encourage the author and stakeholders to work with CalRecycle on
the issue this bill seeks to address in the regulatory process.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1512—Bryan et al.
An act relating to foster care.

2023
Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1512 without my signature.

This bill would require counties to take additional actions relating to foster youth eligibility for all federal Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits and would prohibit using a child’s benefits to pay for any costs of the child’s care.

I share the author’s commitment to ensure that foster youth receive the benefits and support services they need. However, this bill creates implementation challenges that should be considered as part of the annual budget process. Both Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and foster care benefits are intended to provide for the daily care and supervision of youth, including costs for housing and food. If counties are not permitted to use SSI to cover the cost of providing care to foster youth, the General Fund will need to offset those costs. This was not contemplated as part of the budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing.

With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1593—Garcia et al.

An act relating to employment.

2023

Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1593 without my signature.

This bill would establish the Equitable Access Program, which would prioritize employment opportunities for local residents in the Salton Sea geothermal resources area in construction, manufacturing, technical, maintenance, operations, or reclamation activities.

I strongly support efforts to enhance employment opportunities in communities with high unemployment and historic underinvestment. My administration has already awarded $750,000 in grants to the Lithium Valley High Road Partnership and the Imperial Valley Lithium Stakeholder Working Group to support the creation of good, high paying jobs for underserved Californians. These partnerships were created and are led by local stakeholders and are focused on economic development and job creation related to Lithium Valley. Provisions of this bill are duplicative of work already underway and, until this foundational work is complete, additional monitoring and tracking requirements are premature.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1612—Pacheco et al.
An act relating to clinics.

2023
Sep. 15—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024
Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1612 without my signature.

This bill would authorize a licensed primary care clinic to construct or acquire certain primary care clinic facilities and deem those new facilities to be in compliance with the minimum construction standards of adequacy and safety.

I support the author’s goal to encourage expansion of primary care clinics to increase their capacity to provide care. However, this bill removes important health and safety protections for patients, clinic staff, and the public. Every primary care clinic, regardless of location, should meet the applicable state licensing standards and building codes. This bill exempts certain facilities from those safety measures.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 1614—Gabriel et al.

An act relating to air resources.

2023

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1614 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC), in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, to conduct a study on the statewide transition of fuel stations from gasoline to alternative fuels.

This bill will result in additional costs to the General Fund and the CEC’s primary operating fund, which is currently facing an ongoing structural deficit. This bill exacerbates the CEC’s operating funds structural imbalance. Additionally, many provisions of this bill are duplicative of existing law, which requires the CEC, in consultation with various state entities, to prepare a transportation fuels transition plan by December 31, 2024.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than $30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly $19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which $11 billion would be ongoing. With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1741 without my signature.

This bill would revise training requirements for unlicensed laboratory personnel, change the scope of work authorized, and clarify the level of supervision required.

While I appreciate the author’s intent to address the licensed workforce shortage in labs and improve testing capacity, this bill contains a provision that could enable unlicensed laboratory personnel to perform tasks that exceed their level of training, posing a danger to the health and safety of Californians. As a result, this bill could conflict with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act, a federal law that prohibits individuals who do not meet the specified education and training requirements from performing any aspect of the analytical phase of testing.

I encourage the author and stakeholders to work with the Department of Public Health on a solution that ensures that personnel performing specified testing have the skills necessary to reliably receive accurate results.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
A.B. No. 616—Rodriguez et al.

An act relating to health care.

2023

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor.

2024

Jan. 3—Consideration of Governor’s veto pending. Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5). Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 616 without my signature.

This bill would require the Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA) and the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) to publicly disclose audited financial reports and comprehensive financial statements of provider and physician organizations.

Just last year, the OHCA was established within the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) to develop data-informed policies and to create a state strategy for controlling the costs of health care while ensuring affordability. The OHCA is authorized to receive financial information from the DMHC, with specific provisions regarding confidentiality and use.

While I support transparency, this policy is premature. Given the OHCA is in its initial stages of implementation, any additional requirements and associated impacts should be evaluated following full implementation of existing law.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
105

A.C.R. No. 85—Villapudua.
Relative to the Master Sergeant Richard Pittman Memorial Highway.
Vote required: 41

2023
May 24—Introduced. To print.
May 25—From printer.
May 26—Referred to Com. on TRANS.
Jul. 6—From committee: Be adopted. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 15.
Noes 0.) (July 5).
Jul. 10—From Consent Calendar. Ordered to third reading.
Sep. 5—Ordered to inactive file at the request of Assembly Member
Villapudua.

2024
Jan. 12—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by
Assembly Member Villapudua.

* Indicates Assembly Member who will carry measure on floor.
106

S.B. No. 400—Wahab. (Ortega)*
An act relating to peace officers.
Vote required: 41

2023
May 15—In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
May 26—Referred to Com. on PUB. S.
Jun. 6—From committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.
Jun. 14—Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.
Jun. 15—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Sep. 6—In Senate. Concurrency in Assembly amendments pending.
Sep. 7—Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 40. Noes 0. Page 2469.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.
Sep. 11—Withdrawn from engrossing and enrolling. Action rescinded whereby Assembly amendments were concurred in, and the bill ordered to engrossing and enrolling. Ordered to the Assembly.
Sep. 11—In Assembly. Held at Desk.
Sep. 13—Action rescinded whereby bill was read third time, passed, and ordered to Senate. Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Bryan.

2024
Jan. 12—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by Assembly Member Ortega.

* Indicates Assembly Member who will carry measure on floor.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION

107

A.B. No. 985—Arambula et al.
An act relating to air pollution.
Vote required: 41

2023
Sep. 12—In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending.
Sep. 13—Assembly refused to concur in Senate amendments. (Ayes 38. Noes 21.) Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member Arambula.
Sep. 14—Motion to reconsider continued.

2024
Jan. 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12—Motion to reconsider continued.

108

A.B. No. 1043—Essayli.
An act relating to real property.
Vote required: 41

2023
Sep. 12—In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending.
Sep. 14—Assembly refused to concur in Senate amendments. (Ayes 22. Noes 15.) Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member Essayli.

2024
Jan. 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12—Motion to reconsider continued.
A.B. No. 83—Lee et al.
An act relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.
Vote required: 54

2022
Dec. 16—Introduced. To print.
Dec. 17—From printer. May be heard in committee January 16.

2023
Jan. 4—Read first time.
Jan. 26—Referred to Com. on ELECTIONS.
Mar. 15—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (March 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Mar. 29—In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Jun. 1—Ordered to inactive file at the request of Assembly Member Lee.

2024
Jan. 3—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by Assembly Member Lee.
Jan. 4—From inactive, placed on file.
A.B. No. 1550—Bennett.
An act relating to energy.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 17—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 18—From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.
Mar. 9—Referred to Coms. on U. & E. and NAT. RES.
Apr. 13—From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. (Ayes 11, Noes 4.) (April 12).
Apr. 17—Read second time and amended.
Apr. 18—Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES. From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.
Apr. 19—Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Apr. 25—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8, Noes 3.) (April 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
May 17—In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
May 18—Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. (Page 1580.)
May 22—From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 11, Noes 4.) (May 18). Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
May 23—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Jun. 1—Ordered to inactive file at the request of Assembly Member Bennett.

2024
Jan. 8—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by Assembly Member Bennett.
Jan. 9—From inactive, placed on file.
A.B. No. 772—Jackson.
An act relating to care facilities.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 13—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 14—From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.
Mar. 2—Referred to Com. on U. & E.
Mar. 27—In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
Apr. 17—From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on U. & E. Read second time and amended.
Apr. 18—Re-referred to Com. on U. & E.
Apr. 20—Re-referred to Com. on HUM. S. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.
Apr. 26—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 25). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on HUM. S.
Jan. 10—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

A.J.R. No. 9—McKinnor et al.
Relative to housing.
Vote required: 41

2023
Aug. 23—Introduced. To print.
Aug. 24—From printer.
Aug. 31—Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

2024
113

A.B. No. 734—McCarty.
An act relating to youth athletics.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 13—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 14—From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.
Feb. 23—Referred to Com. on A., E., S., & T.

2024
Jan. 11—Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.
Jan. 12—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

114

A.B. No. 1333—Ward et al.
An act relating to real property.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb. 16—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 17—From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.
Mar. 23—Referred to Com. on JUD. From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on JUD. Read second time and amended.
Mar. 27—Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

2024
Jan. 3—From committee chair, with author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on JUD. Read second time and amended.
Jan. 4—Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Jan. 12—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
SENATE THIRD READING FILE

115

S.B. No. 339—Wiener et al. (Low)*
An act relating to prescription drugs, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take
effect immediately.
Vote required: 54

2023
May 23—In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
May 26—Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and B. & P.
Jun. 16—June 20 hearing postponed by committee.
Jun. 28—From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on B.
& P. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (June 27).
Jun. 29—Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.
Jul. 11—From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes
17. Noes 0.) (July 11). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Aug. 16—August 16 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.
Sep. 1—From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.)
(September 1). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.
Sep. 5—Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Sep. 11—Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Low.

2024
Jan. 3—Notice of intention to remove from inactive file given by
Assembly Member Low.
Jan. 4—From inactive, placed on file.
Jan. 8—Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

* Indicates Assembly Member who will carry measure on floor.
A.B. No. 661—Joe Patterson.
An act relating to mobilehome parks.
Vote required: 41

2023
Feb.  9—Read first time. To print.
Feb. 10—From printer. May be heard in committee March 12.
Apr. 13—Referred to Com. on H. & C.D. From committee chair, with
        author’s amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. &
        C.D. Read second time and amended.
Apr. 17—Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

2024
Jan.  10—From committee: Do pass. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8, Noes
        0.) (January 10).
Jan. 11—Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.
A—1  A.B. No. 554—Gabriel et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to corporations.

2023
May 25—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Gabriel.

A—2  A.B. No. 846—Bonta. (Third Reading)
An act relating to low-income housing.

2023
May 25—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bonta.

A—3  A.B. No. 984—McCarty et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to pupil instruction.

2023
Aug. 24—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member McCarty.

A—4  A.B. No. 1290—Luz Rivas. (Third Reading)
An act relating to public health.

2023
May 31—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Luz Rivas.

A—5  A.B. No. 1516—Kalra. (Third Reading)
An act relating to employment.

2023
May 31—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Kalra.

A—6  A.B. No. 742—Jackson et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to law enforcement.

2023
May 31—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Jackson.

A—7  A.B. No. 747—McCarty et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to business.

2023
Jun. 1—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member McCarty.

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A—8  A.B. No. 1595—Bryan et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to elections.

2023
Jun.  1—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—9  A.B. No. 9—Muratsuchi. (Third Reading)
An act relating to greenhouse gas emissions.

2023
Jun.  1—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Muratsuchi.

A—10  A.B. No. 61—Bryan. (Third Reading)
An act relating to criminal procedure.

2023
Jun.  1—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—11  S.B. No. 477—Committee on Housing (Senators Wiener (Chair)) et al. (Third Reading)
An act relating to land use, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

2023
Aug.  14—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Hart.

A—12  S.B. No. 636—Cortese. (Third Reading)
An act relating to workers’ compensation.

2023
Aug.  28—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Ortega.

A—13  S.B. No. 819—Eggman. (Third Reading)
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2023
Aug.  28—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.

A—14  A.C.R. No. 85—Villapudua. (Third Reading)
Relative to the Master Sergeant Richard Pittman Memorial Highway.

2023
Sep.  5—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Villapudua.

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A—15  **S.B. No. 74—Dodd et al. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to technology, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.  

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Sep.  6—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.  

A—16  **S.B. No. 577—Hurtado. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to fire safety.  

2023  
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A—17  **S.B. No. 80—Laird. (Third Reading)**  
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A—18  **S.B. No. 551—Portantino et al. (Third Reading)**  
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A—19  **S.B. No. 830—Smallwood-Cuevas et al. (Third Reading)**  
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A—20  **S.B. No. 762—Becker. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to local correctional facilities.  

2023  
Sep.  11—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Bryan.  

A—21  **S.B. No. 632—Caballero. (Third Reading)**  
An act relating to elections.  

2023  
Sep.  11—To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Blanca Rubio.  

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A—23  A.B. No. 262—Holden. (Concurrence)
An act relating to children’s camps.

2023
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A—24  S.B. No. 336—Umberg. (Third Reading)
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A—25  S.B. No. 357—Portantino et al. (Third Reading)
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A—30  S.B. No. 683—Glazer et al. (Third Reading)
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A—31  S.B. No. 400—Wahab. (Third Reading)
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A—32  S.B. No. 479—Padilla. (Third Reading)
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A—33  S.B. No. 301—Portantino et al. (Third Reading)
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A—34  S.B. No. 233—Skinner et al. (Third Reading)
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A—39  S.B. No. 537—Becker. (Third Reading)
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A—40  S.B. No. 674—Gonzalez et al. (Third Reading)
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A—46 A.C.A. No. 4—Bryan et al. (Third Reading)
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After system's reports, GEAC will be discussing the second point as well as start discussion on point 1/b in GEAC's charge. Point 1/b will be due in April, so the March meeting will be devoted fully to that.
4 MILLION WAYS TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS
Report to Academic Senate of the CSU
Systemwide Special Committee

- Chartered to develop recommendations to expand alumni/student engagement to support student success

- **Co-Chairs:**
  - Dr. Dilcie Perez, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Student Affairs
  - Kraig Scheyer, Alumni Representative, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CSU Alumni Council

- **Members:**
  - CSU Alumni Council / CSSA / ASCSU
  - Career Services / Academic and Student Affairs
  - Information Technology Services / Strategic Communications
Evolution from "Mentoring" to "Alumni-Student Connections"

**Traditional Mentoring**
- Historically Seniors
  - Preparing for and finding their first job
  - Long-term commitment
- Negative Connotation (students and alumni)
  - Limits participation and expansion

**Alumni/Student Connections**
- A better description for a broader set of opportunities to support student success
- Eliminates the stigma of the word mentoring
- Provides a guide for expanded alumni engagement and increased philanthropic giving
Alumni/Student Connections

Types of Connections
- 1:1 Connections (over time)
- Group Connections
- Flash Connections
- Anytime Connections

Modes of Connections
- On-Campus
  - Events, Classrooms
- Off Campus
  - Enrollment, admission events
  - Alumni events
- Virtual
  - Letter writing and calling
  - Virtual engagement platforms
INITIAL CAMPUS EXPERIENCE
- Orientation
- Registration
- Week of Welcome
- Major Selection

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE
- Intro/101 Class
- First Semester Transition
- Club Fair
- Academic Notice

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
- Athletics
- Residential Services
- Co-curricular Engagement
- Mentorship

RECRUITMENT
- Major Exploration
- Application
- Enrollment

ADMISSION/YIELD
- Admission Offers
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Housing

SOPHOMORE SUPPORT
- On-Campus Involvement
- Career Exploration and Readiness

JUNIOR/SENIOR ENGAGEMENT
- Internships and Career Fairs
- International Programs
- Grad School Research

ALUMNI
- Early Alumni
- Mid-Career Alumni
- Alumni Group Connections
- Lifetime Engagement

- Opportunities vary based on student status (first time freshman, transfer student, or a re-enrolling/returning student)
- As you create opportunities for alumni student connections, take into account the unique needs of students based on their different identities and path to the CSU
## Successful Alumni/Student Connections

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*Statistics from Career Connections Spring 2023 report*
Report

• Publish – early 2024
• Brief Key Stakeholder Groups
  ▪ Alumni Council: December 12
  ▪ VPAs: December 15
  ▪ Provosts and VPSA: January 10
  ▪ ASCSU: January 19
  ▪ CSSA: January 20
  ▪ Career Services: January 24
Recommendations

Integrate alumni engagement into strategic initiatives

- Encourage partnerships with alumni offices in high priority campus strategic initiatives
- Partner with systemwide strategic workgroups to engage alumni in university goals and priorities (e.g., Black Student Success, Enrollment, Advising)
Recommendations

Create a Community of Practice

- Establish a systemwide community of practice to share information, best practices, and ideas to increase alumni/student engagement across all 23 universities

- Establish a virtual mentorship platform workgroup to allow administrators to meet regularly and share practices
Alumni/Student Connections

Pilot Projects: Criteria

- New or augments existing program
- Connects alumni and students in support of student success
- Partnership between departments
Alumni/Student Connections

Pilot Projects: Criteria

- Tied to **one specific** campus student success goal

- Project results are measurable
  - Report back at six months
  - Looking for both success stories and lessons learned
Alumni/Student Connections

Pilot Projects: Timeline

- 2023-24 funding
- Proposals open: next week
- Proposals close: mid-February
- Funding allocated: late February
Questions?