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Assembly Chamber, Sacramento  
Monday, September 16, 2024

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 59, the following Assembly Journal for the 2023–24 Regular Session was printed while the Assembly was in Final Recess.

**ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT REPORTS**

Assembly Chamber, September 16, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1111	Assembly Bill No. 3254
Assembly Bill No. 3138	Assembly Bill No. 3255
Assembly Bill No. 3156	Assembly Bill No. 3259
Assembly Bill No. 3223	Assembly Bill No. 3261
Assembly Bill No. 3229	Assembly Bill No. 3263
Assembly Bill No. 3233	Assembly Bill No. 3264

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 16th day of September, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

SUE PARKER, Chief Clerk

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following veto messages from the Governor were received and ordered printed in the Journal:

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 1470**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
September 14, 2024

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1470 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to consult with stakeholders on the standardization of data elements and forms for behavioral health services provided under the Medi-Cal program. The department would also be required to conduct regional training on the use of the forms, complete an analysis of the utilization, and prepare reports to the Legislature with the findings.

While I agree with the author's intent to improve documentation standards and reduce administrative burdens, this bill is duplicative. The Behavioral Health Documentation Redesign effort, implemented as part of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, included a stakeholder engagement process that resulted in updated documentation guidance that became effective January 1, 2024. This bill would, therefore, negate existing efforts to engage with stakeholders and address documentation standardization challenges.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 2335**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
September 14, 2024

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill (AB) 2335 without my signature.

This bill would create new requirements for the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) when evaluating compensation and base salary ranges on prescribed factors, and the prevailing rates for comparable service between classifications, occupational groups, or other bargaining units.

AB 2335 would circumvent CalHR's salary-setting authority and the collective bargaining process and significantly change the way state civil service employee salary adjustments or increases are negotiated.

The state has a robust process for analyzing compensation practices and addresses those items through the collective bargaining process.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 2428**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
September 14, 2024

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 2428 without my signature.

This bill would require Medi-Cal managed care plans to reimburse Community-Based Adult Service (CBAS) providers at a rate that is equal to or greater than the amount paid in the Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system.

I support the intent of this bill to ensure that CBAS providers of adult day health care services to older and disabled adults receive the FFS rate. However, codifying this requirement is unnecessary to achieve this goal. This year's Budget Act included \$16 million in annual payment increases for CBAS providers, effective January 1, 2025. These payment increases are intended to accomplish the same goal, without creating a precedent in the law for one provider type. I have directed the Department of Health Care Services to work with managed care plans to modify their contracts to ensure that CBAS providers caring for older and disabled Californians are receiving these rate increases.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 2564**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
September 14, 2024

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning AB 2564 without my signature.

This bill would require the Controller to make General Fund transfers to ensure an ongoing balance of \$15 million in the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizen Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Fund.

The PTP Program allows income-eligible senior citizens and disabled homeowners to defer their property taxes, secured by a lien against the property, and later repay those taxes when the property is sold or refinanced. By design, the PTP Fund is structured to be self-sustaining.

While I appreciate the author's intent to provide additional funding for this important program, the 2024–25 Budget Act provided a \$7.5 million General Fund transfer to the PTP Fund to cover the costs of new applicants and program administration for the next two fiscal years. Additional allocations to the PTP Fund, if necessary, should be considered in the annual budget process. In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closes a \$46.8 billion deficit in 2024–25 and a projected deficit of \$27.3 billion in 2025–26 through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 2704**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
September 14, 2024

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 2704 without my signature.

This bill waives the Department of Justice (DOJ) fees for prospective In-Home Supportive Service (IHSS) providers seeking an investigation or criminal background check, and prohibits the DOJ from assessing a fee to a county for the costs of furnishing clinical history information.

I am supportive of efforts to increase the IHSS workforce and reduce barriers to becoming an IHSS provider. However, this bill would require millions annually from the General Fund to cover DOJ costs for conducting background checks.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closes a \$46.8 billion deficit in 2024–25 and a projected deficit of \$27.3 billion in 2025–26 through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 2787**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
September 14, 2024

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 2787 without my signature.

This bill would adopt an exemption, until January 1, 2028, from the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Standards) solar ready and battery storage system installation requirements for residential buildings damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster.

The solar ready requirement is an innovative and forward-leaning policy that requires new residential buildings to install a minimum amount of cost-effective solar photovoltaic capacity to reduce homeowner energy costs, improve energy resiliency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Extending this exemption would nullify these positive outcomes and instead would increase homeowner energy costs. This exemption also undermines the energy resiliency of homes, especially those in high-fire risk areas, and increases greenhouse gas emissions. Further, this exemption is overly broad and would not assist those disaster victims who are the most disadvantaged.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 14th day of September, 2024 at 3:55 p.m., of the following Assembly bills without the Governor’s signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jasmine Valle:

Assembly Bills Nos. 1470, 2335, 2428, 2564, 2704, and 2787.

HUGH R. SLAYDEN  
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

DANIEL ALVAREZ, Assistant Minute Clerk

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