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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.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

Signing Message—Assembly Bill No. 1284

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1284, which memorializes my policy directive on Native American Ancestral Lands in part by encouraging the California Natural Resources Agency, and its departments, to enter into cogovernance and comanagement agreements with federally recognized tribes in California. Cogovernance and comanagement agreements are important tools for the State to acknowledge and address the historical displacement and dislocation of tribal nations from their ancestral lands, waters, and lifeways. These arrangements may take several forms, including memoranda of understandings (MOUs), contracts, and other forms of agreements.

Tribes may seek to enter into agreements to share common powers with the State, pursuant to the Joint Powers Act, which is one of many paths available to achieving tribal cogovernance and comanagement under state law. Where tribes seek to utilize this type of power-sharing agreement, this legislation acknowledges the sovereign government authorities of federally recognized tribes. Specifically, by clarifying state law to reflect that such tribes and the State have like authorities, this bill removes potential legal barriers at times cited by state agencies and departments.

I am signing this bill to reflect my strong support of tribal-state collaboration as we work to create a healthier and more climate-adaptive California for future generations. My Administration will continue working with tribal governments and the Legislature to ensure we can collectively address outstanding issues or limitations in embracing and implementing these sovereign-to-sovereign agreements.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Signing Message—Assembly Bill No. 1963

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1963, which requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to complete a re-evaluation of paraquat dichloride by January 1, 2029, and make the determination to retain, cancel, or suspend its registration, or to place new restrictions on the use of pesticide products containing the active ingredient paraquat.

Earlier this year, I signed Assembly Bill 2113 (Chapter 60, Statutes of 2024), which, among other provisions, helped address DPR's long-standing structural imbalance, requires DPR to annually initiate a set number of formal pesticide re-evaluations and complete them in specified timeframes, and brings transparency into the timelines for re-evaluation. While I am signing this bill, moving forward, I believe the selection of pesticides for re-evaluation must be done through the department-led, data-driven investigatory process agreed upon under Assembly Bill 2113. Making the decision to place a pesticide into re-evaluation should be a holistic, public process, which takes into consideration multiple factors, such as the development of alternatives. We must allow DPR to utilize this process, as it is critical to support the systemwide adoption of sustainable pest management.

I appreciate the author's and stakeholders' ongoing commitment to this issue, and I am confident that through the implementation of the provisions of Assembly Bill 2113, DPR will continue its mission to protect human and environmental health by appropriately and expeditiously placing pesticides under re-evaluation.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Signing Message—Assembly Bill No. 2348

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 2348, which requires the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to develop policies and procedures for activating a Feather Alert (Alert), authorizes specified entities to directly request Alert activations, expands the criteria for determining whether to request and activate an Alert, and establishes timelines for these decisions and any necessary activations. In 2022, I proudly signed Assembly Bill 1314 (Ramos) to establish California's first emergency alert system dedicated to locating missing Indigenous persons, known as a Feather Alert.

This bill is an important step forward in full implementation of the Alert, but it introduces operational complexities that must be addressed to ensure the emergency alert system functions effectively. Throughout the process, my Administration emphasized the need to align the criteria of this alert system with others, like AMBER and Silver Alerts, to avoid creating a patchwork of varying criteria that could cause confusion and hinder the emergency response. During such emergencies, the best outcomes are achieved by quickly mobilizing local resources in the area, supplemented by the CHP, with clear coordination between state, local, and tribal authorities. Strengthening government-to-government coordination and setting consistent standards will help all agencies respond more swiftly and effectively, ultimately providing better protections and outcomes for tribal communities.

To work towards this end, I have directed the California Highway Patrol to propose reforms through the budget to streamline standards and further the effective implementation of the emergency alert systems. I look forward to working with the Legislature to accomplish this work.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Signing Message—Assembly Bill No. 3190

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 3190, which applies public works law to certain affordable housing projects by expanding the definition of “paid for in whole or in part out of public funds” to include low-income housing tax credits.

Additionally, it requires private residential projects built on private property to abide by public works law if the project receives low-income housing tax credits. This bill is contingent upon enactment of Assembly Bill 3160.

While the provisions of this bill will not be going into effect given the veto of Assembly Bill 3160, I want to be clear that I generally share in the goals of this measure, and I am committed to building on the progress we have made as a state to address our housing shortage while also supporting good jobs and wages for those who make this progress possible.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 359

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 359 without my signature.

This bill makes various changes and clarifications related to the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships. Specifically, the bill clarifies that CCAP partnerships can offer dual enrollment opportunities to all pupils, removes CCAP requirements regarding consultation with local workforce boards, enables interested local educational agencies to enter into a CCAP agreement with a community college outside its service area, and clarifies that students should receive college credit for CCAP courses.

While I support the author's goal of expanding access and removing barriers to dual enrollment opportunities, this bill creates significant General Fund costs that are not reflected in the state's current fiscal plan.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids 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

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 871

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 871 without my signature.

This bill would remove the existing private residential elevator exemption from occupational safety and health regulations governing conveyances and apply new training requirements for mechanics working on these in-home elevators.

Although my administration supports the goal of protecting users of residential conveyances and the individuals who install them, this bill would—for the first time—require the state to regulate home elevators and other residential conveyances similar to commercial conveyance regulation. Under this bill, anyone with a home wheelchair lift, stairway chair lift, elevator, or other conveyance would be required to obtain an annual permit from the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) and open their private homes to state inspections. This bill also requires Cal/OSHA to oversee the permitting and inspection of private residential elevators, which would require substantial funding that has not been included in the budget. In addition, the bill applies new training requirements to in-home elevator mechanics that are not tailored to the work they perform, which differs from the maintenance of commercial elevators.

I thank the author and sponsors for their efforts to protect Californians—particularly older adults, veterans, and people with mobility disabilities—who seek to live independently and rely on residential mobility equipment. However, prior to establishing such requirements under Cal/OSHA, we need to further examine an appropriate regulatory framework for the residential conveyance industry to prevent unintended consequences and ensure individuals who choose to age in place are able to do so.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1832

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1832 without my signature.

This bill would establish the Labor Trafficking Task Force within the Civil Rights Department, which would coordinate with the Department of Industrial Relations and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to combat labor trafficking.

I share in the author's strong commitment to combat labor trafficking and signed a similar bill, AB 1888, that establishes a Labor Trafficking Unit within the DOJ that will increase leadership and coordination among state agencies to combat labor trafficking in California. In light of that ongoing work, the establishment of a separate task force would be redundant and potentially complicate efforts to address this issue.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1961

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1961 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to create the End Hunger in California Master Plan Task Force, composed of 25 members of specified organizations, to create the End Hunger in California Master Plan. The Plan would be made available to the Legislature and the public by January 1, 2027, or two years after an appropriation, whichever is later, and contain recommendations to address hunger and food deserts in California.

Tackling food insecurity is a priority of my Administration. There are currently multiple state programs focused on addressing this issue through the Office of Farm to Fork (Office) within CDFA, including programs that focus on increasing access to healthy foods for underserved communities, such as the California Nutrition Incentive Program. While I support the author's goal to address food insecurity in the state, the expansive scope of the proposed task force would be burdensome for CDFA to implement and would also result in ongoing General Fund costs that should be considered in the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids 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

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2061

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2061 without my signature.

This bill would enact a state sales and use tax exemption from July 1, 2025, until January 1, 2030, for a zero-emission public transportation ferry sold to a local public agency that provides transit services to the public.

I share the author's commitment to accelerating the adoption of zero-emission technologies within the public transit system by reducing upfront costs. The state has made unprecedented investments to support the clean transportation transition, dedicating billions of dollars to deliver cleaner mobility options for all Californians. Recent achievements include the electrification of Caltrain, the launch of the nation's first hydrogen hub, and the mobilization of a \$1.9 billion investment plan to create the country's most extensive zero-emission charging network. This bill, while laudable, should be considered in the context of the annual budget process given the general fund implications of a tax exemption.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids 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 these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2104

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2104 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor's Office to establish, until January 1, 2031, a Community College Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program for purposes of authorizing 10 community college districts' (CCDs) nursing programs to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

I support the author's intent to expand access to baccalaureate nursing degree programs in underserved communities. The 2024 Budget Agreement included \$60 million per year, from 2025–26 to 2028–29, for the Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Grant Program, which may be used to develop or expand Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) partnerships with higher education institutions. These types of partnerships have proven successful in expanding BSN access for community college students and increasing the number of BSN degree recipients. All segments of higher education should continue to focus on building these programs together, and I am concerned this bill could inadvertently undermine that collaboration.

Additionally, in recent years, both the CCC and the CSU have been provided with expanded authority to offer independent programs. Given these major changes, a pause should be taken to understand their full impact before additional authorities are granted.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2182

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2182 without my signature.

This bill would require that any change in prevailing wage rates apply to existing contracts on certain public works projects. The bill also grants joint labor-management committees (JLMCs) reasonable access to public works jobsites and allows JLMCs to file actions in court to enforce this requirement.

While I am a steadfast supporter of prevailing wage law, the adjustments proposed by this measure would likely lead to uncertainty in the cost of public works projects, potentially creating significant cost pressures on the state budget.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids 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

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2237

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2237 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to coordinate and expedite the transfer of specialty mental health services from one county to another when a child or youth 21 years old or younger moves counties and would require DHCS to collect and publish related data.

I support efforts to ensure continuity of care for all children and youth when they have a change in county residence. However, this bill is unnecessary. DHCS has multiple policies in place to facilitate a smooth transition of care and to prevent any gaps in the provision of specialty mental health services during an intercounty transfer of Medi-Cal eligibility.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2286

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2286 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the operation of autonomous vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or more on public roads for testing, transporting goods, or carrying passengers without a human safety operator physically present in the vehicle. In my veto of a nearly identical bill last year, I expressed that my Administration remains committed to working with the author, sponsors, and stakeholders in furthering our efforts to meet the needs of traffic safety, worker protections, and jobs as this evolving technology progresses in California.

As we continue to move forward, it is important to note that 35 jurisdictions—including Arizona, Nevada, Texas, Washington, and the District of Columbia—have already authorized the testing of heavy-duty autonomous vehicles. California remains the only state to actively prohibit these vehicles.

To this end, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), which has regulated autonomous vehicles over the last decade pursuant to authority granted to it by the Legislature, has issued three sets of regulations that create a framework allowing innovation, while also protecting public safety. A new set of draft regulations, currently open for public input until October 14, 2024, offers the nation's most comprehensive standards for heavy-duty autonomous vehicles. These draft regulations propose strict guidelines for heavy-duty AV operations, including limiting operations to roads with speed limits of 50 miles per hour or higher and excluding certain uses, such as transporting passengers or hazardous materials. They also require a phased permitting process to ensure a gradual transition to driverless operations, along with specific testing periods, mileage requirements, and clear definitions of where and how these vehicles can operate.

Finally, these regulations also require more robust reporting from companies testing or deploying AVs, and give DMV additional enforcement tools to place restrictions on permits to protect public safety.

Recognizing that our workforce is the foundation of our economic success, California leads the nation with some of the strongest worker protection laws. Our state also is renowned globally as a leader in technological innovation. We reject that one aim must yield to the other, and our success disproves this false binary. But advancing both priorities requires creativity, collaboration, and a willingness to work together to identify pragmatic solutions. Toward that end, my office offered multiple rounds of suggested amendments, which were unfortunately not accepted. While I cannot sign this legislation in its current form, my Administration stands ready to work with the legislature and stakeholders toward progress on this issue.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2381

Governor's Office, Sacramento

September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2381 without my signature.

This bill modifies the reimbursement methodology for California State Preschool Program contractors by eliminating attendance as a factor, thereby basing reimbursement on enrollment.

I thank the author for their commitment to strengthening the early learning and care system. Although recent federal regulations establish related requirements for child care and development programs administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), this bill does not make similar changes to the reimbursement methodology applicable to those programs. I am directing the Department of Finance and CDSS to include necessary changes for meeting these federal requirements and ensuring alignment across programs, including the California State Preschool Program, as a part of the 2025–26 budget process.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2442

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2442 and Senate Bill 1067 without my signature.

These bills would require specified Department of Consumer Affairs boards to create an expedited licensing process for a subset of applicants based on the type of care they intend to provide or the geographic area where they intend to provide care.

I commend the authors' commitment to addressing healthcare gaps in the state, but I am concerned about the aggregate effect of legislation that seeks to expedite licensure. As the number of applicants who qualify for expedited licensure grows through legislation, the benefits of mandated prioritization may start to diminish, at the expense of potential negative impacts to other applicants. Additionally, the increase in staff needed to ensure expedited applications may lead to licensing fee increases.

It would be prudent to allow time for the current expedited licensure processes to continue so that we can gather data on their effectiveness. This will allow the state to be well informed on the efficacy of this practice before pursuing additional frameworks for expedited licensure and confirm these processes do not lead to unintended consequences on the broader healthcare workforce.

For these reasons, I cannot sign these bills.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2446

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2446 without my signature.

This bill would expand existing Medi-Cal coverage of diapers to include individuals greater than 3 years old with a physical, mental, neurological, or behavioral health condition that contributes to incontinence, and members less than 21 years old to correct or ameliorate a condition pursuant to the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) standards.

I deeply appreciate and share the author's commitment to assisting low-income Californians with access to affordable diapers for their families and thank the author for her focus on this important issue. However, diapers are already covered under existing Medi-Cal benefits when used for the management of a medical condition that causes incontinence. Specifically, children under 5 years old may receive medically necessary diapers as a covered EPSDT benefit, and diapers for youth 5 years to 21 years old with a chronic condition that causes incontinence are also covered.

While this bill largely overlaps with existing coverage, the standards applied would expand coverage to include conditions that contribute to incontinence. This change results in significant and ongoing General Fund costs for the Medi-Cal program that should be evaluated as a part of the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids 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 these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2513

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2513 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit a person from selling or offering for sale a gas stove that is manufactured or sold online on or after January 1, 2025, or sold in a store on or after January 1, 2026, unless that gas stove contains a specified warning label.

While I appreciate the author's intent to provide consumers with information about the products they purchase, I am concerned that this bill codifies highly prescriptive labeling content that could only be changed by a future statutory amendment. This static approach falls short in enabling timely updates to the labeling content that should align with the latest scientific knowledge so that consumers are accurately informed about their purchases.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2724

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2724 without my signature.

Commencing with the 2026–27 school year, this bill requires the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, a state special school, and the governing body of a charter school, to ensure that each of its students receives information on how to properly pre-register to vote prior to the student completing grade 11.

While I support the author's goal of encouraging young people to pre-register to vote and applaud the work of the bill's sponsors, I have concerns about creating an additional school mandate for this purpose at this time. Schools already have the ability to fulfill the requirements of this bill without creating a new mandate. In California, we strive to make registering and pre-registering to vote as streamlined as possible for all citizens.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2725

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2725 without my signature.

This bill would allow occupational therapists and physical therapists with three years of school-based experience to obtain an administrative services credential, provided they also meet the basic skills requirement and complete an administrative services program, or pass an examination aligned to administrative services standards adopted by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

While this bill is well-intentioned, there is no state requirement that occupational therapists and physical therapists must hold an administrative services credential to hold supervisory or administrative roles in local educational agencies. The pathways for these licensed professionals can be created at the local level, through human resources and collective bargaining. As a more appropriate statewide approach, the CTC could create at least two administrative services pathways: one for teachers, and one for other credential or license holders without a teacher preparation background. As such, I am requesting that the CTC develop such pathways.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2745

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2745 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a county agricultural commissioner to levy a civil penalty against a person who maintains a public nuisance in violation of pest abatement laws.

While I support the author's goal of giving county agricultural commissioners an enforcement tool to combat negligent properties that harbor harmful pests, the broad definitions in this bill may unintentionally lead to penalties being assessed against growers who utilize insects in their practices that are not harmful to adjacent areas.

I encourage the Legislature to work with relevant stakeholders on legislation that provides enforcement tools to combat negligent properties while providing sufficient protections for growers utilizing beneficial insects.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 3061

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3061 without my signature.

Beginning July 31, 2025, this bill would require autonomous vehicle manufacturers to report specific data related to collisions and disengagements to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Additionally, manufacturers would need to submit quarterly summaries on vehicle miles traveled, vehicle immobilizations, and traffic citations. The bill also mandates that the DMV publish these reports online within 90 days of receipt.

While I support the intent of this bill to enhance the safety and transparency of autonomous vehicle operations, the timeline it imposes is infeasible for the DMV to implement these new requirements and address the associated operational challenges involved. The DMV recently released a new set of draft regulations, which are open for public input until October 14, 2024, to address many of the concerns raised in this bill. Stakeholders will be able to provide input and contribute to the rulemaking process informally and through the notice and comment processes outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act.

My Administration remains open to working with the Legislature on future legislation that complements and builds upon existing and proposed regulatory requirements. It is essential that such proposals are practical, enhance clarity, and do not duplicate existing efforts, which will ultimately further compliance and public safety.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 3063

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3063 without my signature.

This bill would exempt from the definition of compounding the addition of a flavoring agent that meets specified conditions.

While I appreciate the author's goal to address the availability of flavored medication in the state, this bill creates an exception to national standards for compounding which poses a risk to consumer health and safety. This bill would undermine AB 973, which I signed in 2019, that required both sterile and non-sterile compounding in California to be consistent with the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary's guidelines. AB 973 was passed and enacted to ensure the state adheres to the federally required minimum standards of consumer protection.

I vetoed a similar bill last year that would have created conflicting standards for California and contradicted AB 973. While this bill attempts to specify the conditions necessary for exclusion, it still contains exceptions to national guidelines, which poses an increased risk to consumers from contamination.

Flavoring is a useful tool for pharmacists to help improve the palatability of medication, and I encourage the author to work with the Department of Consumer Affairs on legislation that facilitates the availability of medication flavoring while maintaining foundational consumer protections.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 3068

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3068 without my signature.

This bill would establish the Office to Housing Conversion Act, creating a ministerial approval process for adaptive reuse projects, aimed at converting nonresidential buildings, such as offices or industrial sites, into residential or mixed-use developments. The bill also provides financial incentives for developers, including the option for local governments to allocate up to 30 years of property tax revenue to support affordable housing conversions, and establishes specific labor standards for qualified adaptive reuse projects.

While I strongly support efforts to address California's housing crisis by promoting adaptive reuse projects, this bill raises several concerns. The proposed compliance and enforcement mechanisms for labor standards, including the issuance of stop-work orders for any violations, represent a significant expansion beyond existing law, which limits this remedy to a narrow subset of violations, such as those posing immediate threats to health and safety. Moreover, the bill lacks clear procedures for contesting violations or addressing noncompliance, creating considerable uncertainty that could lead to delays, and increased costs, potentially making projects financially unviable—ultimately undermining the bill's goal of increasing housing production.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 3142

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3142 without my signature.

This bill codifies the existing California Center for Climate Change (Center) at the West Los Angeles College in the Los Angeles Community College District and creates the California Mobile Unit for Climate Change Education to assist the Center in promoting hands-on learning opportunities throughout the region.

Although establishing and operating the California Mobile Unit for Climate Change Education is a laudable goal, this bill could create significant Proposition 98 General Fund cost pressures that are not reflected in the state's current fiscal plan.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids 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

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 3160

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3160 without my signature.

This bill would appropriate \$500 million annually to the enhanced Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) for calendar years 2026 through 2030. This bill is contingent upon the enactment of Assembly Bill 3190 (Haney).

Codifying an allocation of \$500 million per year of tax credits would result in a significant ongoing commitment of General Fund resources. Such decisions should be considered within the broader context of the state budget to ensure our collective priorities and financial commitments are balanced over both the short and long term. Additionally, without the ability to review this allocation annually through the Budget Act, the state would lose the flexibility to adjust expenditures in response to changing fiscal conditions, highlighting the importance of evaluating multi-year funding commitments during the budget process.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 27th day of September, 2024 at 4:53 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. 359, 871, 1832, 1961, 2061, 2104, 2182, 2237, 2286, 2381, 2442, 2446, 2513, 2724, 2725, 2745, 3061, 3063, 3068, 3142, and 3160.

HUGH R. SLAYDEN

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor was received and ordered printed in the Journal:

Tribal-State Gaming Compact—Table Mountain Rancheria

Governor's Office, Sacramento

September 27, 2024

Erika Contreras

Secretary of the Senate

California State Senate

State Capitol, Room 307

Sacramento, California

Sue Parker

Chief Clerk

California State Assembly

State Capitol, Room 319

Sacramento, California

Dear Secretary Contreras and Ms. Parker:

As requested, I am delivering a copy of the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Table Mountain Rancheria, a federally recognized Indian tribe located in the State of California. This compact has been ratified by the Legislature through the enactment of AB 2656.

Sincerely,

DAVID SAPP

Legal Affairs Secretary

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

Receipt

I acknowledge receipt this 27th day of September 2024 at 2:20 p.m., of the Governor's Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Table Mountain Rancheria delivered to me by Ananya Bapat.

SUE PARKER

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Above tribal-state gaming compact and accompanying documents referred to the Committee on Governmental Organization.

ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

DANIEL ALVAREZ, Assistant Minute Clerk

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