



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California Senate

I am returning Senate Bill 984 without my signature.

This bill would require, beginning January 1, 2027, the Judicial Council and the California State University (CSU) to each identify and select a minimum of three major construction projects and subject those projects to a Project Labor Agreement (PLA).

While I am generally supportive of PLAs as an option for public works projects, the new requirements proposed in this bill could result in additional cost pressures that were not accounted for in this year's 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 these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom