

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 18 without my signature.

This bill would establish a 21-member California Task Force on School Finance to review and analyze alternative formulas for allocating funds to public schools.

I agree that California's complex school finance laws need urgent attention. Creating a task force, however, may actually delay action on reforms.

Rather than create a task force, let's work together and craft a fair Weighted Student Formula.

Sincerely,

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