To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1658 without my signature.

This bill requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to study issues related to adult education teacher credentialing.

Both the CTC and the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) have separately convened workgroups over the past four years that reviewed the current requirements and have already made recommendations to the Legislature. The CTC’s report suggested that it consider waiving some or all of the requirements for adult education instructors, and the LAO’s report recommended that the Legislature amend the statute so that individuals no longer need a teaching credential to serve as instructors at adult schools. However, no changes have been made.

Rather than convening a third workgroup to study these same issues, the Legislature should consider the recommendations made by the workgroups convened by the Commission and the LAO.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom