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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1393 without my signature.

This bill requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to add Laotian history and cultural studies to the Hmong model curriculum that the Instructional Quality Commission developed and the SBE was required to adopt, by Senate Bill 895 (Chapter 686, Statutes of 2018).

While I appreciate the interest in addressing a gap in prior legislation, I remain concerned that the current process is piecemeal and fragmented, as the adoption of the ethnic studies model has displayed. Before we move forward with additional model curricula, I believe a review of the existing process is necessary to support reforms needed so that our schools can provide instruction in a manner that reflects and honors the experiences of all Californians.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.