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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1457 without my signature.

This bill would require the Employment Training Panel to establish a pilot project to enhance a regional business training center network of community college contract education centers to partner with other assistance providers servicing small businesses.

While I am highly supportive of training programs that lead to quality jobs and support businesses, particularly in the midst of our current economic climate, this bill does not have the dedicated funding to support the pilot program and could divert funding from other core workforce training programs.

Moreover, this bill is duplicative of current planning efforts by the California Community Colleges and Workforce Development Boards to create a better integrated workforce development system. I look forward to working with these partners, and the Legislature, on achieving that shared goal.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom