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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3053 without my signature.

This bill would require the Labor Commissioner to create an online portal that would allow wage claimants to file unpaid wage claims, track those claims and submit requested documents regarding those claims. This bill is aimed at reducing the backlog in administering wage claims that results in unacceptable delays.

I fully support measures to improve outcomes for workers who have been denied their hard-earned wages. The Labor Commissioner's Office has already launched a low-wage industry initiative to address lasting backlogs. The goal of this initiative is to build industry-specific expertise among wage enforcement deputies dedicated to those industries. This initiative will improve outcomes for workers and help cut through the backlog of claims, through enforcement deputies and hearing officers who understand industry-specific practices and commonly alleged violations.

We should allow time for these existing efforts at the Labor Commissioner's Office to show some results.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

