



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 50 without my signature.

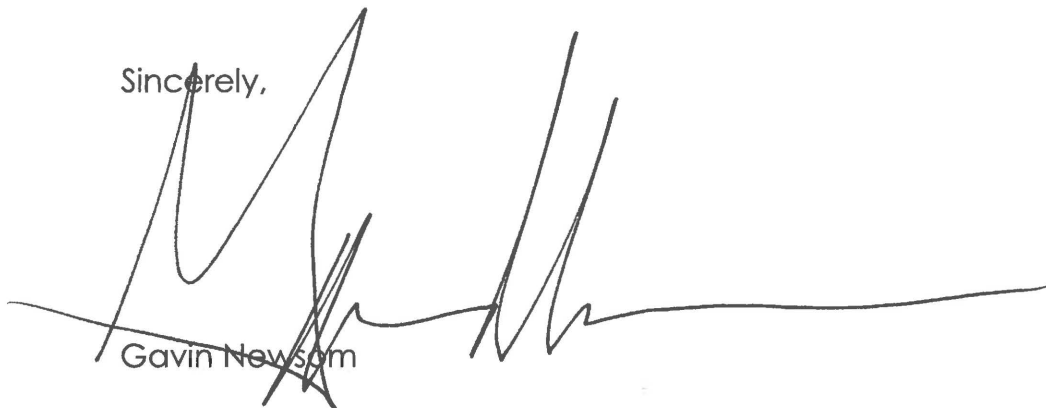
This bill would make a child who is between 18 months and 3 years old eligible for the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) as long as the child meets all other eligibility requirements and would extend eligibility for federal and state subsidized child care services to a family in which a member of that family has been certified as eligible to receive benefits from other means-tested government programs.

Expanding access to high quality early learning and care for babies and toddlers is a priority for my Administration. That's why I worked to make universal transitional kindergarten a reality, strengthen our paid family leave policies, and expand child care slots for children in California. Unfortunately, the timing of this bill is premature as it presupposes how the State Preschool Program will be modified to account for the implementation of universal transitional kindergarten. Next January, modifications will be proposed to the State Preschool Program in the 2022 Budget to align the program with the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care.



I appreciate the author's leadership on this issue and look forward to working with her on improving the State Preschool Program and serving more of California's youngest children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Gavin Newsom