



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 804 without my signature.

This bill would direct the California Conservation Corps (CCC) to establish a forestry training center providing training in Northern California for entry-level forestry and vegetation management jobs and prioritizing the enrollment of former conservation camp crew members, in consultation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

As California continues to face unprecedented fire seasons, California has worked to expand our firefighting force. In 2020, I was proud to sign AB 2147 (Chapter 60, Statutes of 2020), which allowed for incarcerated individuals to serve as firefighters following their release. Additionally, in October 2018, CDCR, in partnership with CAL FIRE and the CCC, began a Firefighter Training and Certification Camp in Ventura County. The pilot program was established to expand employment opportunities for incarcerated individuals with the intention of preparing them for entry-level firefighting jobs following release.



I applaud the efforts laid out in this bill and encourage the author to work through the budget process to advance efforts related to the expansion of a Northern California center.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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