



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill AB 1768 without my signature.

This bill intends to remedy an important issue that arose from a misinterpretation of COVID-19 orders by clarifying that all activations of state employees who are members of the California National Guard or a United States military reserve organization, due to presidential declarations of emergency, are eligible for differential pay.

However, CalHR has already worked with state departments and the military on an administrative solution that provides clarity and issued new guidance to their Military Leave policy to prevent any further confusion. I am confident that this issue has been resolved making this bill unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom