



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1856 without my signature.

This bill amends statute relating to part-time faculty at the California Community Colleges, including redefining a community college part-time faculty course load as not to exceed 85 percent of the hours of a full-time assignment, rather than not to exceed 67 percent.

As part of my veto message last year for Assembly Bill 375, I made a commitment to supporting community college part-time faculty in the Governor's Budget. This commitment is reflected in the 2022 Budget Act that provides \$200 million in ongoing funding to incentivize community colleges to provide health insurance for part-time faculty at the community colleges.

The bill is premature as it is unknown how many community college part-time faculty will benefit from the \$200 million now available to districts, which will have a direct impact on the fiscal estimate of this proposed policy change. The bill is estimated to create \$26 million to an excess of \$150 million of Proposition 98 General Fund cost pressures not reflected in the state's current fiscal plan. For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom