



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2730 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to establish a pilot program to provide rehabilitative services and job training opportunities to no less than 50 incarcerated individuals in a community campus setting.

I agree with the author's intent to provide increased access to rehabilitative services and job training opportunities, which is why the 2022-23 budget included a \$40 million expansion of these successful community programs. Further expansion of these programs should occur in the context of budget deliberations.

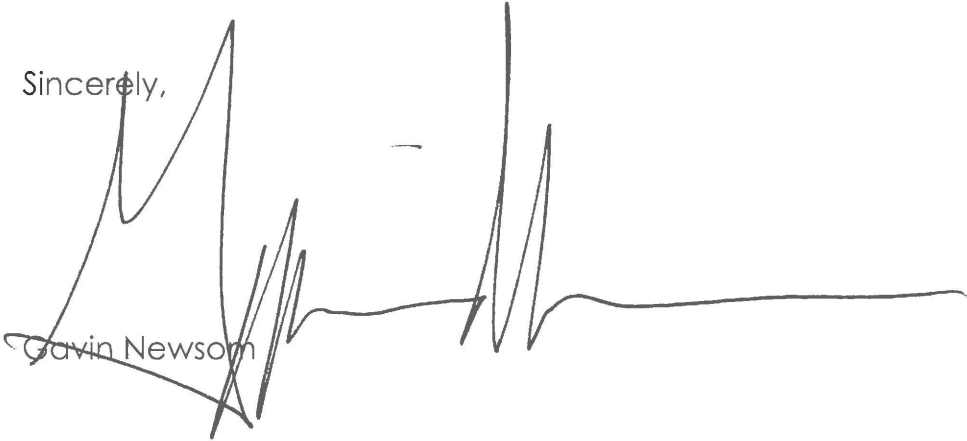
With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending, particularly spending that is ongoing. We must prioritize existing obligations and priorities, including education, health care, public safety and safety-net programs.

The Legislature sent measures with potential costs of well over \$20 billion in one-time spending commitments and more than \$10 billion in ongoing commitments not accounted for in the state budget. Bills that create significant fiscal pressure, such as this measure, should be considered and accounted for as part of the annual budget process.



For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom