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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 858 without my signature.

This bill allows healthcare workers to exert their professional judgment, with approval from a primary physician, for purposes of overriding hospital technology or guidelines if it is in the best interest of the patient to do so. This bill also expands labor law protections to prohibit employer retaliation or discrimination against any healthcare worker who requests to override health information technology and clinical practice guidelines or discusses these issues with other employees or supervisors.

Per the request of the author and sponsor, I am vetoing this bill.

