



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1371 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to increase compensation to the amount necessary to ensure that incarcerated persons have enough income to pay for quarterly packages, maintain family connections, and purchase educational materials. This bill would, additionally, require the CDCR to adopt a five-year implementation schedule to achieve the required wage increase for incarcerated individuals.

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 with significant fiscal impact, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several sharp, vertical strokes followed by a long, horizontal line that tapers to the right.