



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 19 2022

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 785 without my signature.

This bill requires at least five percent of each incoming class at each participating California State University (CSU) campus to participate in the California Promise program, and that at least 70 percent of those participating undergraduate students be either low-income students, first-generation, or students from communities that are underrepresented in postsecondary education.

The author's efforts to increase CSU graduation rates and close equity gaps are laudable. I too share these goals, which is why my Administration, and the CSU entered a five-year Compact aimed at increasing student achievement, advancing equity, increasing affordability and meeting the State's workforce needs. However, I am concerned that this bill is overly prescriptive and could result in diverting resources away from other student programs that may be more effective in realizing the goals of the Compact.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with several sharp peaks and a long horizontal tail.

Gavin Newsom

