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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 603 without my signature.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the California State University Trustees, and requests the University of California Regents, to publish a report on the diversity of the student body and the governing board of their respective segments, on or before July 1 of each year.

I share the author's commitment to, and take great pride in, the diversity of California's public higher education systems. My Administration has demonstrated this commitment by making appointments at every level of government, including at the three segments, that reflect both California's diversity and the diversity of the student body. While I understand the author's goal, the demographic information regarding the governing board members is optional and self-reported. Additionally, all three segments provide demographic information on their student bodies and biographies of their governing board members, which are easily accessible on their websites.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom