# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 746 without my signature.

This bill would modify eligibility for the Learning-Aligned Employment Program to remove specific restrictions on students working for public postsecondary educational institutions.

The Learning-Aligned Employment Program was established in 2021 to offer eligible students at public institutions of higher education the opportunity to defray the cost of attendance while gaining education-aligned, career-related employment outside the classroom. It is a priority of my Administration to increase the connectivity between students and career experiences in placements beyond the confines of their college campus. With $500 million committed to this program, it is an essential tool for increasing student awareness of career opportunities as well as developing skills for future career success. The provisions of this bill undermine the intent and purpose of the Learning-Aligned Employment Program.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom