



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 640 without my signature.

This bill would require any food service contract or hotel development project undertaken by the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees to be with an employer that is party to a labor peace agreement with a labor organization. This requirement extends to any food service and hotel development contract in which the CSU or the State of California has a proprietary interest and that is performed in accordance with a contract entered into or awarded by a CSU auxiliary organization.

California State University campuses have a long history of organizing. Faculty and staff have been organized for decades, and this year a labor organization submitted more than 8,500 digital cards signed by students to the Public Employment Relations Board to advance towards a union vote. Additionally, six campuses have auxiliary organizations that have been unionized. It is the understanding of my Administration that recent organizing on CSU campuses has been largely respectful. In light of this history, it is not clear that this legislation is needed to facilitate successful organizing on CSU campuses. While I support minimizing disruptions to students from work stoppages on campus, this bill is premature.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

