



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 751 without my signature.

This bill prohibits franchise agreements for solid waste handling services entered into or substantially amended by a city or county on or after January 1, 2024, from containing a "force majeure" provision that excuses the service provider from complying with the agreement in the event of a work stoppage associated with a labor dispute.

While I appreciate the author's intent to prevent disruptions in local waste hauling services, I do not believe a change to state law is necessary. Local jurisdictions voluntarily enter into franchise agreements and currently have the ability to negotiate amendments to such contracts without legislation.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

