



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 28 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly 2138 without my signature.

This bill would establish a three-year pilot program to grant participating tribal law enforcement officers California peace officer status.

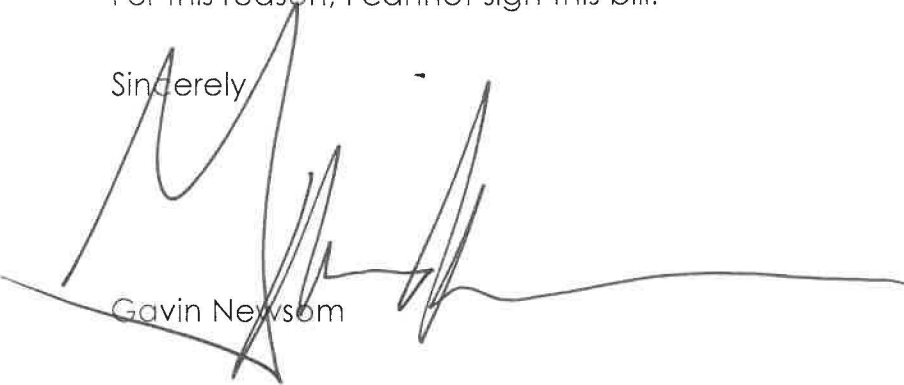
I appreciate the author's steadfast commitment to addressing the ongoing Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis, and my administration continues to prioritize policies that increase collaboration between law enforcement and tribal communities to bring justice to those impacted. In partnership with the Legislature, we increased funding in this year's budget for the MMIP Grant Program, which has awarded millions of dollars in grants to support tribes' efforts to identify, publicize, investigate, and solve MMIP cases.

Unfortunately, while well-intentioned, this bill creates a significant legal disparity between California peace officers and tribal police officers. There are a range of important obligations, as well as powers, that accompany peace officer status. These obligations must be maintained should the powers of peace officer status be shared with tribal police officers.



For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and overlaps the printed text.

Gavin Newsom