



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2182 without my signature.

This bill would require that any change in prevailing wage rates apply to existing contracts on certain public works projects. The bill also grants joint labor-management committees (JLMCs) reasonable access to public works jobsites and allows JLMCs to file actions in court to enforce this requirement.

While I am a steadfast supporter of prevailing wage law, the adjustments proposed by this measure would likely lead to uncertainty in the cost of public works projects, potentially creating significant cost pressures on the state budget.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.



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 with a large initial 'G' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.  
Gavin Newsom