



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1058 without my signature.

This bill expands an existing enhanced paid leave of absence provision, commonly referred to as 4850 time, to park rangers employed by counties and special districts.

While I appreciate the author's intent and do not take lightly the important public service provided by park rangers, this bill would significantly expand 4850 benefits that can be negotiated locally through the collective bargaining process. Many local governments face financial stress, and the addition of a well-intentioned but costly benefit should be left to local entities, particularly given the potential fiscal impact on counties and special districts that employ park rangers.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom

