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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

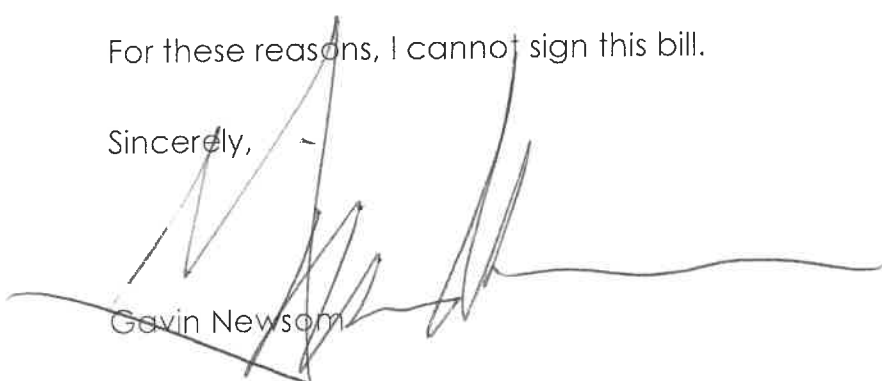
I am returning Assembly Bill 963 without my signature.

This bill would require owners or developers undertaking a project subject to state prevailing wage laws to make certain records, such as certified payroll records or final construction contracts, available to the Labor Commissioner's Office (LCO), a multi-employer Taft-Hartley trust fund, or a joint labor-management committee. This bill also would set compliance timelines and require the LCO to submit its own request for these records.

While I agree with the author's goal to ensure all parties comply with California's prevailing wage laws, this bill creates redundant processes that could undermine other enforcement priorities. Current law already grants parties the ability to request relevant payroll records from contractors, and the public may access such records through the LCO or the awarding entity. Moreover, this measure generates a significant new workload for the LCO. Given the LCO's limited capacity, the proposed record request process is not a prudent use of department resources. I encourage the author to introduce a bill in 2026 that takes a less burdensome and more streamlined approach to ensuring compliance with prevailing wage laws.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom