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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 75 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), in partnership with the Department of Industrial Relations, to launch a pre-apprenticeship pilot program for five different trades in at least two institutions by 2028 through 2032, with annual reporting starting in 2029.

Providing the incarcerated population with skills to use upon release is critical to the successful reintegration of these individuals back into their communities. In this spirit, California has made significant, targeted investments over the past several years to support multiple educational and work-based programs within the state prison system. This includes the Adult Basic Education program, partnerships with institutions of higher education, the availability of Career Technical Education courses, and apprenticeship work opportunities.

While I am proud of this ongoing work, I appreciate the author's commitment to expand rehabilitative programming and career pathways – and I acknowledge there is more work to be done. However, this bill would establish a structure that cannot be implemented, conflicts with existing work, and creates cost pressures exceeding several million dollars annually to establish and operate a new pre-apprenticeship pilot program.

I encourage the Legislature to revisit this issue as part of next year's budget process, so that targeted investments in CDCR's rehabilitative programming can

be considered in the context of ongoing work to assist the incarcerated population with reentry into the community.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom