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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2721 without my signature.

This bill requires a hotel operator with actual knowledge of a reservation by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on the premises to post a notice in a prominent and accessible place to hotel workers that discloses the possible presence of those officers on the premises, and, upon request by a guest at the time of check-in, requires disclosure of this possible presence during a guest's reservation.

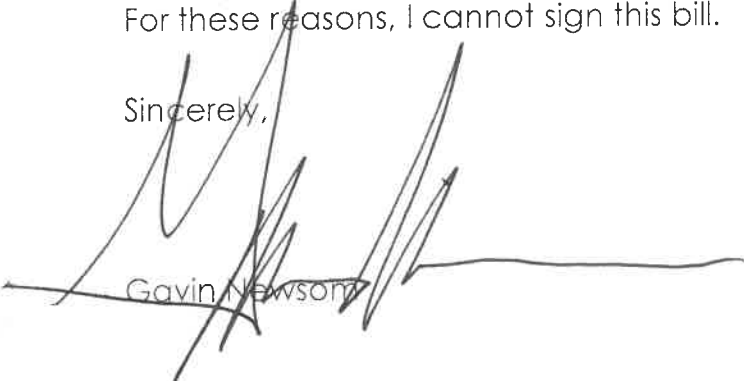
Recent conduct by federal agencies captured by this bill is abhorrent, and hotel employees deserve basic information about their rights should they come into contact with federal immigration officers. To that end, I signed SB 294 in 2025, and the state has greatly expanded investments and resources to help Californians, including workers, understand their rights when interacting with immigration officers.

While the intent of the author is laudable, this bill introduces considerable consumer privacy and public safety concerns by compelling hotel operators to disclose this guest information not just to their employees, but to the public. Compelling the disclosure of guest records on demand is likely in conflict with longstanding state privacy laws, and would put hotel operators in the position of determining which law they should follow. Further, requiring this information to be shared with the public could create real public safety risks on hotel properties by encouraging demonstrations or other disruptive activity. We have seen even the most peaceful protests escalate unexpectedly, which could lead to real risk for workers, demonstrators, and other hotel guests.

I encourage the Legislature to revisit this issue next year in a manner that avoids these unintended consequences and instead focuses on promoting safety and transparency for hotel employees.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom