



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**SEP 27 2026**

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1240 without my signature.

This bill would establish the Office of Nonprofit Empowerment within the Government Operations Agency to oversee and coordinate state-level policies and strategies to support California's nonprofit organizations. This bill would also establish the Nonprofit Empowerment Fund in the State Treasury to carry out the purposes of the bill in support of the office.

I appreciate the author's goal of creating a dedicated venue to advance policies and conversations on how to support our nonprofit partners; however, the establishment and continued operation of this new office would result in millions of dollars of costs outside of the budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we 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,

Gavin Newsom