



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 632 without my signature.

This bill expands eligibility to qualify for a California College Promise fee waiver by reducing the minimum unit requirement from 12 to 9 units.

While expanding eligibility for this program is a laudable goal, this bill would create significant cost pressure, into the tens of millions of dollars annually, and was not included in the 2026 Budget Act.

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