



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2003 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) to facilitate the development of a series of model career pathways that build upon the basic skill sets of workers who are employed in essential worker occupations to support their career advancement into high road occupations.

I appreciate the author's intent to provide on-ramps to high road careers for California's essential workers, but this bill does not align with California's high road model for workforce development and is duplicative of ongoing state-funded initiatives to prioritize dislocated and essential workers facing barriers to employment, including \$115 million to establish, expand and improve High Roads Training Partnerships (HRTTP). This bill would require CWDB to duplicate efforts in at least 10 of the 13 industry sectors that receive HRTTP funding. Policies in this space should complement ongoing state efforts to prioritize and assist workers facing barriers to employment.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom

