STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 7

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 1396, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to preventing outsourcing during a hiring freeze"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would prohibit executive agencies from contracting out work that would otherwise be performed by an employee who is covered by a collective bargaining agreement during a hiring freeze.

This bill would create an operational restriction on the ability of the State to deliver services during periods of financial instability. When a hiring freeze is implemented, there may still be circumstances where temporary contractors are necessary. The bill would also create unnecessary complications for term contracts that come up for renewal during a hiring freeze.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #8

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 1422, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to requiring accurate interpretation of statements made by deponents with limited English proficiency in accusatory instruments and supporting depositions"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require that any accusatory instrument relying on a deponent's non-English statement be supplemented by a form that includes a translation from the deponent's primary language.

I previously vetoed this bill twice, as it is duplicative of existing language access programs available through the criminal justice system. There are multiple existing safeguards in place to protect deponents who do not speak English, including comprehensive language access plans by law enforcement and prosecutors. This bill is duplicative and would ultimately create delays and additional barriers to justice for victims who do not speak English.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #9

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 2633, entitled:

"AN ACT in relation to directing the president of the state civil service commission to conduct a study on job vacancies across state agencies"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require the Department of Civil Service to conduct a comprehensive study on the number of job vacancies within state agencies to determine which agencies are currently understaffed.

Positions at state agencies become available and are filled at all points throughout the year. The annual report contemplated by this bill would capture vacancy data at only one point in time, which would be outdated and misleading by the time of release. This bill would also add to the already significant burden on the Department of Civil service to create annual reports on a wide range of subjects.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #10

October 1, 2025

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 3411-B, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring notices on generative artificial intelligence systems"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require generative artificial intelligence systems to display notices to users that the outputs of such systems may be inaccurate.

As AI tools become increasingly powerful and integrated into daily life, AI-generated synthetic content can make it more challenging to separate fact from fiction. I support thoughtful, smart guardrails on AI that help protect consumers from deception. In fact, that is why I signed a disclosure law to promote transparency in advertising when synthetic performers are depicted. That being said, this bill takes an inflexible one-size-fits-all approach to require notifications on all generative AI systems regardless of context and in doing so, the bill may present constitutional and pragmatic challenges. This bill would require all generative AI systems to provide users with the notice, no matter whether such systems are producing for example, factual, non-factual, artistic or expressive content. Additionally, requiring the notice when generative AI systems are deployed in constrained environments where outputs are designed to be reliable, may have the unintended consequence of reducing consumer trust. I remain committed to developing guardrails on AI that are appropriate and tailored as these technologies evolve.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #11

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 8492-C, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring state law enforcement agencies to develop and implement a tattoo policy"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require State law enforcement agencies and the Division of Criminal Justice Services to adopt tattoo policies that permit tattoos on the back, leg, and arm, prohibit tattoos on the face, neck, and hand, and allow agencies to determine the permissibility of all other tattoos.

Law enforcement agencies have the authority to set tattoo policies, and many already have such policies in place. These policies focus on ensuring that the law enforcement officer is not a member of a gang or an adherent to an extremist ideology. Legislating the placement of tattoos is not necessary and will harm law enforcement agencies' ability to recruit and retain candidates. I am therefore constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #12

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 8742 entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the business corporation law, the limited liability company law, the partnership law and the transportation law, in relation to the use of assumed and corporate names pertaining to household goods moving"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would restrict a business entity from using the terms "mover," or "moving," or "relocation service," or any derivation thereof, in its business name without first obtaining approval from the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation prior to the establishment of the business entity.

The New York State Department of Transportation already engages in enforcement actions targeting illicit movers of household goods. While the bill is laudable in its intent to protect consumer interests, under federal law, New York State does not have the authority to regulate household good movers operating in interstate commerce.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #13

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 10055, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to authorizing the office for the aging to establish, operate and maintain programs for transportation services"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would authorize the State Office for the Aging (SOFA) to establish, operate, and maintain or contract for a program to provide transportation services.

I support programs for elderly New Yorkers that include transportation services. SOFA is already operating several such programs for which state funding has been appropriated. These programs include congregate services for elderly persons, enriched social adult day service programs, and Naturally Occurring Retirement Community programs, many of which offer transportation as part of their authorized services. It is not necessary to authorize services that SOFA is currently providing. Any expansion of transportation services would require the expenditure of funds that are not accounted for in the State's financial plan and would be more appropriately considered in the context of budget negotiations.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #14

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 10102, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to enacting the "low impact landscaping rights act""

NOT APPROVED

This bill would prevent homeowners' associations (HOAs) from prohibiting low-impact landscaping, including pollinator gardens, rain gardens, and habitat or natural gardens.

I vetoed a substantively identical bill last year. As I stated then, while I recognize the potential benefits of low-impact landscaping, this bill would unduly encroach on private agreements between property owners. Those concerns remain applicable to this year's bill.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 15

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 10334-A, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to phasing out certain mandatory university fees for certain graduate students and adjunct staff"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would phase out most mandatory fees charged to graduate student workers at SUNY and CUNY.

As I noted in my veto message last year, I support the goals of this bill and have worked to reduce graduate student worker fees through the annual budget process. As a result, SUNY was able to announce last August that it had eliminated graduate student worker fees at all State-operated campuses. This demonstrates that annual budget negotiations are the appropriate mechanism for resolution of this issue.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 16

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 10510, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to prohibiting the recovery of certain labor-related legal costs from ratepayers"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would prohibit gas corporations and electric corporations from recovering from ratepayers any expenses incurred in connection with labor-related legal activity or workers compensation loss adjustment expenses.

I support measures that promote financial discipline by utilities to reduce utility bills for ratepayers. Earlier this year, in the context of the budget, I negotiated a Ratepayer Protection Plan that would accomplish these objectives. However, this bill would unreasonably prevent utilities from recouping costs that are not entirely under their control, including paying to defend unmeritorious lawsuits or increasing workers compensation insurance premiums. Moreover, it would disincentivize utilities from fully engaging in normal business activities including collective bargaining. This could lead to an increase in labor expenses that will drive up utility rates, which is unacceptable.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 17

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 10653, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to renaming agency building one, agency building two, agency building three and agency building four, located at the empire state plaza"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would provide a process for renaming Agency Buildings 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza after geographic features or historical events that represent the State.

While I support the intent of the bill, I believe the State should take a different approach to determine what to name these buildings. The bill directs the New York State Council on the Arts to recommend new names for the four Agency Buildings, then conduct robust public engagement before finalizing the new names, without an appropriation in support of such directive. Such an unfunded mandate would divert resources from the Council's grantmaking and technical assistance programs.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 18

November 20, 2026

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 896-A entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the establishment of local comprehensive emergency management plans"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require counties and municipalities that have local emergency management plans to coordinate with local and municipal animal shelters, a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and veterinary services. The bill would also require counties and municipalities to include in their local emergency management plans pre-disaster identification of animal-friendly temporary housing and specific communication plans for people who are blind, have low vision, are deaf, or are hard of hearing.

This bill is largely duplicative because the Executive Law already requires the inclusion in local emergency management plans of "programs to assist individuals with household pets and service animals following a disaster..." and programs for people with disabilities. Additionally, localities already have the authority to carry out the intention and requirements of the bill. Mandating counties coordinate with this broad range of entities would unnecessarily burden localities; some counties have more than 100 qualifying animal-related organizations with which they would be required to consult and partner.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 19

November 20, 2026

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 1239-F entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to enacting the "food safety and chemical disclosure act""

NOT APPROVED

This bill would ban the manufacture, compound, brewing, distilling, production, processing, sale, delivery, distribution, holding, offering, or exposing for sale of three substances: FD&C Red No. 3, potassium bromate, and propylparaben. It also would require the Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) to build and maintain a database of scientific reports for thousands of food additives, and ban the sale or use in New York State of any substance if the required information is not reported to AGM.

This bill seeks to legislate at a state level what is traditionally and more appropriately the role of the federal government in food ingredient oversight. While I support the goals of enhancing food safety and transparency regarding food additives, this bill would require the expenditure of millions of New York taxpayer dollars that are not accounted for in the State's financial plan and create a significant administrative and programmatic burden on AGM at the same time as the federal government is beginning to take important steps to accomplish many of the bill's objectives.

Last year, the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) banned FD&C Red No. 3, a decision which I strongly support. The ban takes effect in January 2027. In addition, in August 2026, the FDA proposed regulations to enhance food additive transparency. The regulations would make mandatory the submission to the FDA of safety information for new substances used in food. Importantly, leaders in the incoming Congress have also stated they will make reforming the "Generally Recognized as Safe" (GRAS) notification process a top priority. I believe these issues should be addressed at the national level, as they always have been, so New York manufacturers, producers, distributors, suppliers, and retailers are not unfairly disadvantaged.

Last, but not least, banning bromated flour would directly impact pizza and bagel makers, requiring most to change their recipes and production processes, likely causing costs to rise on two of New York's most iconic foods at a time when consumer costs are already increasing thanks to the inflationary policies of the federal administration. Unbromated flour is currently readily available, and the choice of which flour to use or consume should be left in the hands of New York's world-renowned pizzaiolos, bakers, and small business owners, and ultimately consumers.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 20

November 20, 2026

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 1838, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing certain municipalities to establish an emergency repair pilot program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require the Department of State (DOS) to create a pilot program to enable cities to immediately address hazardous code violations that owners fail to repair within a reasonable time. To be eligible, cities would need to enact a local law empowering them to make immediate repairs and subsequently bill owners for costs. The bill also would require DOS to prepare a model local law, issue rules and regulations, and report annually on the program.

I am committed to ensuring every New Yorker can live in a safe, decent, and affordable home. However, this bill is unnecessary and duplicative of existing legal authority. Cities already have authority under the common law and obligations under the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code to address dangerous conditions. Many cities have local laws that allow them to place liens on private property for expenses the cities incur in abating public nuisances. The bill also would impose significant unfunded fiscal and administrative burdens on both DOS and any participating city. I previously vetoed this bill due to these concerns, which remain applicable today.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #21

November 20, 2026

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 2459, entitled:

"AN ACT to repeal subdivision 6 of section 51 of the public authorities law, relating to voting by members of the New York state authorities control board"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would repeal a provision of the Public Authorities Law which defines the scope of the authority of members of the Public Authorities Control Board (PACB), and specifies that members must vote on a project based solely upon demonstrated commitment of funds sufficient to finance its acquisition and construction.

This bill is identical to legislation I previously vetoed. It would create ambiguity as to the scope of project reviews by the PACB, subvert its intended purpose and function, and subject reviews to a variety of considerations. The history of the PACB makes clear that its function is restricted to the singular, but crucial, domain of fiscal oversight. The PACB was specifically and deliberately created as a nonpolitical entity to ensure that fiscally sound decisions are made by the State's public authorities; it was not created to limit, control, or choose projects proposed by the State. This bill would alter and widen that scope, beyond the intention at the board's creation.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #22

November 20, 2026

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 3864-A, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to the publication of opinions rendered in criminal causes"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would amend the Judiciary Law to require the chief administrator of the courts to submit a report, on or before January 15, 2027, evaluating the feasibility and benefit of publishing suppression rulings rendered by trial-level criminal courts and/or collection of data regarding such rulings, whether such publication or collection would improve the practice of law, the means by which such publication or collection may be effectuated, the resources needed to support the publication or collection, and recommendations regarding legislation and administrative measures that could be taken.

I support the laudable intention of this bill, which is to require consideration of methods to bring greater transparency to criminal court matters. I am pleased that the Unified Court System, using existing authority and resources, has agreed to publish a report regarding the publication of suppression rulings on or before January 15, 2027. Given this initial step by the Unified Court System towards this important end, the drafting errors in the bill, and the lack of appropriated resources to provide for a broader study, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #23

November 20, 2026

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 4467, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to providing for the enrollment of certain persons in direct deposit for compensation payments"

NOT APPROVED

This bill adds provisions to the worker compensation law intended to ensure that existing requirements on employers to allow payments by direct deposit, including adding new civil penalties for non-compliance.

The stated justification of this bill is that persons receiving workers' compensation death benefits from the city of New York have been advised by city officials that they are not entitled to receive payments by direct deposit. The City of New York has confirmed that, to the contrary, it does enroll beneficiaries in direct deposit. If any particular beneficiaries are having difficulty enrolling in direct deposit or are otherwise not receiving workers' compensation benefits in the manner of their choosing, they should contact the Workers' Compensation Board's Office of General Counsel.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 24

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 6023, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the state administrative procedure act and the economic development law, in relation to requiring the division for small business to publish a small business compliance guide"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would provide that the Division of Small Business shall compile and publish a small business compliance guide every January, which shall advise small business owners of statutory and regulatory changes that occurred over the previous year.

Small businesses are the backbone of the State's economy. While I support the intent of the bill, the state administrative procedure act already provides a mechanism for agencies to consider economic and small business impacts and, where necessary, create and publish small business guides. Moreover, the State already operates the "Business Express" website that offers customized assistance, including a phone hotline, for small businesses. This bill would duplicate efforts that assist small businesses across the State without any appropriation in support of such mandate.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 25

November 20, 2026

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 6482, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the licensure of a professional geologist; and to repeal subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law relating thereto"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would eliminate the option to obtain licensure as a professional geologist in New York State by completing twelve years of practical experience in geological work in lieu of a bachelor's or higher degree in geological sciences. It would preserve the option to pursue geological licensure by fulfilling work experience in lieu of a degree for any individual who files an application and fee with the State Education Department within 2 years of the bill's effective date. Additionally, this bill would revise existing statutory terminology to refer to those seeking to but not yet having fulfilled work experience requirements as "geologists in training" rather than "intern geologists."

While most professional geologists licensed in recent years in our State have earned a bachelor's degree or higher, numerous currently practicing geologists do so by having garnered the appropriate practical work experience. Existing avenues to obtain geological licensure in New York State should not be curtailed or foreclosed.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #26

November 20, 2026

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 7279, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the surrogate's court procedure act, in relation to authorizing certified school psychologists to participate in the certification of certain persons as intellectually disabled or developmentally disabled"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would authorize certified school psychologists, together with a physician, to certify a person as intellectually or developmentally disabled for the purposes of Surrogate's Court Procedure Act Article 17-A guardianship applications.

While the bill may reduce the burden on petitioners in these proceedings by increasing the pool of providers authorized to certify a disability, the existing requirements of the Surrogate's Procedure Act ensure that the rights of the person for whom a guardianship is sought are protected. Furthermore, the bill does not limit certified school psychologists to only making certifications as to individuals for which the certified school psychologists are qualified and eligible to otherwise provide care.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul

STATE OF NEW YORK
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ALBANY 12224

VETO # 27

November 20, 2026

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 8870, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to increasing the period of supervision required for certain real estate license applications"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would increase the amount of time licensed real estate salespersons seeking to become licensed real estate brokers must have been supervised by a broker from two years to four consecutive years.

I am committed to protecting homeowners and homebuyers in New York, which is why I recently enacted landmark legislation criminalizing deed theft scams and legislation to safeguard against appraisal discrimination.

However, this bill would unduly increase experiential requirements for becoming a real estate broker to levels that substantially exceed the standards in other those states. This would erect burdensome barriers that could hinder efforts to ensure a healthy and diverse broker marketplace. I cited these same considerations when I vetoed a similar bill last year. The reduction from five to four consecutive years does not ameliorate these significant concerns.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul