

April 15, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 2425

To the Senate:

Under current New Jersey law, project labor agreements are only permitted in public works contracts for the construction, reconstruction, demolition, or renovation of buildings at the public expense. Senate Bill No. 2425 revises current law to authorize these agreements in other public works projects.

As has been well-chronicled, Hurricane Sandy was the worst storm to strike New Jersey in over one-hundred years, causing unprecedented damage and devastation throughout the State. Today, millions of New Jerseyans impacted by Sandy continue to rebuild their lives, and their communities. In many instances, this rebuilding process involves the reconstruction and redevelopment of critical infrastructure, including roads, highways, bridges, tunnels, water supply facilities, and sewage treatment plants. Many of these projects would be subject to the provisions of this bill.

Because this bill would significantly alter public contracting in this State at a time when the swift reconstruction, rebuilding, and redevelopment of public infrastructure is a priority, I must return this bill without my approval pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution.

Respectfully,

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

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Attest:

/s/ Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor