



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1910 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Workforce Investment Board to establish the San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Planning and Preparedness Council to develop an oil and natural gas workforce strategic initiative and report its activities to the legislature by April 1 each year.

The state has a number of programs in place for improving San Joaquin Valley's workforce skills: the "SlingShot Program" and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. The SlingShot Program was created in 2014 to accelerate income mobility by encouraging business, workforce development and education leaders to formulate strategies to address employment challenges at the regional level. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley was founded in 2005 as a public-private partnership focused on improving the region's economic vitality and quality of life for its residents.

I continue to believe that initiatives such as the one proposed in this bill should be driven at the regional level through consensus among industry, labor, regional economic development organizations, local workforce investment boards, and local governments.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.