



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1246 without my signature.

This bill seeks to grant the Department of Public Health greater authority to enforce hospital nurse staffing ratios and patient classification system requirements.

Everything is already on track to get this job done. The department will soon release proposed regulations on administrative penalties that will apply to a broad range of violations. The rulemaking process should be completed next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.