



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1476 without my signature.

This bill would authorize a court under limited circumstances to find that a child has more than two legal parents if doing so would serve the best interest of the child.

I am sympathetic to the author's interest in protecting children. But I am troubled by the fact that some family law specialists believe the bill's ambiguities may have unintended consequences. I would like to take more time to consider all of the implications of this change.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.