



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 442 without my signature.

Inquiring into a patient's cultural, religious, or spiritual beliefs is good hospital practice, but not one that needs to be mandated by the state, nor applied only to non-English or limited English-speaking patients.

With basic requirements for language assistance already set in law, I believe specific improvements to hospital policies should be done at the local level where people deal with real problems based on direct experience.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.