



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 473 without my signature.

Under current law, human trafficking convictions impose substantial punishment, up to 20 years for sex trafficking offenses and 15 years-to-life for certain crimes involving children. These sentences are more than three times the punishment that existed two years ago. SB 473 would add yet another set of enhancements, the third in nine years. No evidence has been presented to support these new penalties

Today I have signed AB 1610, AB 1791, SB 955 and SB 1388, bills that will solidly enhance enforcement of human trafficking laws through use of wiretap, ensuring the availability of a victim's testimony at trial and strengthening penalties for certain human trafficking crimes involving minors.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.