



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1156 without my signature.

This bill attempts to prohibit the questionable practice of financially interested entities providing premium assistance payments to patients for the purpose of obtaining higher fees for medical services.

I believe, however, that this bill goes too far as it would permit health plans and insurers to refuse premium assistance payments and to choose which patients they will cover. I encourage all stakeholders to continue to work to together to find a more narrowly tailored solution that ensures patients' access to coverage.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.