



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 176, which would authorize the State Bar of California to collect increased annual membership fees for 2020 and makes various changes regarding the State Bar. It also states the intent of the Legislature that the State Bar be included as part of the annual budget process for the State of California beginning with fiscal year 2021-22.

In signing this bill, I acknowledge the Legislature's intent. However, the Administration will need to work closely with the State Bar to understand the implications including the Bar in the state budget process. As such, I am directing the Department of Finance to begin discussions with the State Bar but I am not committing to including the State Bar in the annual budget process.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom