



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1468 without my signature.

This bill would provide nonmonetary relief for all persons who have been either (1) declared factually innocent by a federal or state court under any standard, or (2) approved for compensation by the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) as an erroneously convicted individual. The nonmonetary relief includes an official certificate of innocence, as well as an annotation in the claimant's criminal history information stating that the claimant has been found innocent of the crime.

I support ensuring that those who have been erroneously convicted have the tools necessary to reenter society. While this bill is well intended, I am concerned it deems an informal decision by CalVCB to approve compensation to necessarily be an official finding of innocence.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

