



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning Assembly Bill 1890 without my signature.

This bill requires an awarding body of public works projects to provide notice to the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) of any changes or additions regarding the project registration within 30 days.

While I appreciate the author's efforts to provide transparency to public works contracts, this bill is unnecessary. Local agencies are already required to electronically notify DIR with a contractor's name and contract value prior to the first day that work is performed on a public works project. Additionally, existing law prohibits a general contractor from replacing or substituting a subcontractor without written request and permission from the contracting agency. The additional notification requirements proposed by this bill would create unnecessary administrative burdens and penalties on awarding agencies, without any clear benefits or added transparency.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



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