



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1463 without my signature.

This bill would require the Governor to appoint a Director of Self-Determination within the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to oversee the implementation and operation of the Self-Determination Program.

The statewide Self-Determination Program provides individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with increased freedom, control, and responsibility in the decisions, resources, and services included in their Individual Program Plan. DDS currently has a Career Executive Assignment position leading the Self-Determination Program, which reports directly to the DDS Director. Therefore, a change in statute is not necessary to establish a new position appointed by the Governor to do this work.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



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