



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1586 without my signature.

This bill requires state contractors, when hiring for specified positions, to consider all qualified applicants who are receiving unemployment benefits, who have exhausted unemployment benefits, or who live in a targeted employment area.

As currently drafted, this bill lacks clarity as to what exactly employers must do to be in compliance, making it very difficult to enforce. Additionally, the bill revives the targeted employment areas created under the Enterprise Zone Act, which was repealed last year, and does not effectively integrate the job posting and notification capability of the CalJOBS website managed by the Employment Development Department.

Therefore, I am directing my Employment Development Department to work with the author on a bill that addresses these issues for consideration next year.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.