



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1708 without my signature.

This bill separates the crime of prostitution into three distinct offenses, increases monetary penalties and requires mandatory jail time for solicitation.

I signed SB 420 (Huff), which creates the same distinctions between acts of prostitution as this bill seeks to do. However, this bill goes further by adding a minimum period of confinement in county jail for solicitation. I believe that existing law provides sufficient flexibility in punishing these crimes appropriately based on circumstance.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.