



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 46 without my signature.

This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University to provide to the Cal State Academic Senate and campus academic senates, upon request, specific data on students who take any online course offered by Cal State or its contracting entity.

The Academic Senate passed a resolution calling the bill unnecessary and citing student privacy and cost issues, among other concerns. I agree.

I am aware of the deep concerns that the sponsor of the bill has expressed regarding online courses. These courses, however, could play an important role in helping to reduce the bottleneck that too often prevents students from graduating on time. This is one of the reasons I believe that we should not unduly limit the introduction of online courses in the Cal State system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.