



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1318 without my signature.

Encouraging health care workers to be vaccinated against influenza is good policy, and I support the national goal of achieving a 90 percent compliance rate by 2020. Indeed, several counties and many hospitals have already adopted strict mandatory vaccination policies for their employees, and others are moving voluntarily in this direction.

This bill would move the date up to 2015 and make compliance mandatory, which are requirements I do not believe are reasonable. I have confidence that local governments and health facilities are well equipped to make these decisions on their own.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." followed by a large, stylized flourish.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.