



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1366 without my signature.

This bill makes it an infraction (or a misdemeanor for the 3rd offense) to fail to report the theft or loss of a firearm to a local law enforcement agency within 48 hours of the time the owner knew, or reasonably should have known, that the firearm was lost or stolen.

The proponents urge that the bill will improve identification of gun traffickers and help law enforcement disarm people prohibited from possessing firearms. I am not convinced. For the most part, responsible people report the loss or theft of a firearm and irresponsible people do not. I am skeptical that this bill would change those behaviors.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.