



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1439 without my signature.

Under the bill, public postsecondary governing boards must require qualified applicants seeking an academic or administrative appointment to disclose prior adverse judgements of sexual harassment during the hiring process.

While I understand the desire to mitigate risk, governing boards—who are the fiduciaries of these institutions—should be responsible for setting hiring standards, including the disclosure of prior bad conduct.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.

