



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 540 without my signature.

This bill would limit the authority of school districts and county offices of education to grant a Career Technical Education Certificate except under the exact terms set forth in the bill.

Certificates of the kind envisioned in this bill can already be granted by school districts. I believe they are the ones most competent to determine the appropriate requirements.

I commend the author for wanting to encourage students to enroll in career education, but this bill does not comport with the principle of subsidiarity, so important to a sound allocation of power between state and local authority.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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