



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:


I am returning Senate Bill 746 without my signature.

This bill would require all health plans and insurers to disclose every year broad data relating to services used by large employer groups, including aggregate rate increases by benefit category. The bill also requires that one health plan additionally provide anonymous claims data or patient level data upon request and without charge to large purchasers.

I support efforts to make health care costs more transparent, and my administration is moving forward to establish transparency programs that will cover all health plans and systems.

I urge all parties to work together in this effort. If these voluntary efforts fail, I will seriously consider stronger actions.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.