



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 402 without my signature.

AB 402 would require the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt a regulation that requires a health facility to evacuate or remove smoke plumes routinely generated during certain medical procedures through the use of plume scavenging systems by July 1, 2020.

The creation of new occupational safety and health standards does not require legislation; any member of the public may petition the Standards Board to consider creating a new safety regulation. I agree that the state should evaluate the need for a standard to address the health and safety hazards posed by plume and I suggest that the Author and Sponsor petition the Standards Board to initiate that process.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.