



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1223 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Industrial Relations to convene an advisory committee to recommend minimum standards for a harassment and discrimination prevention policy and training program specific to the construction industry, and to provide a report to the Legislature with recommendations for implementation.

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing is charged with enforcing the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, including those pertaining to preventing and remedying sexual harassment and discrimination. That Department is also charged with enforcing the state's sexual harassment training requirements. As such, this proposal would be better placed at the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and not with the Labor Commissioner.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr