



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1427 without my signature.

This bill would add veterans and military personnel as a protected class under the Fair Employment and Housing Act. It also prohibits landlords and property owners from refusing to accept federal Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers as a source of income for payment of rent.

We should support our veterans and military personnel, but this bill goes too far. Specifically, it forces landlords and property owners to take part in what has always been a voluntary federal program with numerous requirements. These include registration with a local housing authority, participation in training, property inspections and modification of leases to conform with federal standards.

I don't believe a mandate to comply with all these requirements is warranted.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.