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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 578 without my signature.

This bill requires employers who apply for variances of existing occupational safety or health standards to formally notice workers, or representatives of workers, who will be impacted.

While this bill is intended to provide an opportunity for affected workers to be notified of variances and raise concerns during a relevant hearing, it is unclear what workers would be affected, and why the current process at the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board is not sufficient. In fact the board routinely works with stakeholders to provide timely written notice of variance requests and permits those parties to intervene in the proceedings. I believe that process is one that provides adequate opportunity for interested and affected workers to be heard.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.

