

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1393 without my signature.

Ensuring access to public information is one of my Administration's top priorities. That is why last year I issued Executive Order S-03-06 (Order), requiring all state agencies to review their guidelines governing access to public information. In addition, the Order required that every agency identify and train staff to be responsible for ensuring compliance with the California Public Records Act.

As I noted in my veto of similar legislation last year, I believe the steps that were taken as a result of the Order, combined with the ongoing efforts of agencies to comply with the law, are working to ensure the needs of the public are met. This bill imposes an unnecessary one-size-fits-all mandate on state agencies. In addition, this bill would require the formation of a task force to consider even more statutory standards to govern the disclosure of public records. Such a task force and such additional statutory changes are also unnecessary. My Administration's commitment to the Public Records Act is unwavering and I am confident future Administrations will share this attitude.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger