

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 455 without my signature.

This bill restates current law, which requires the Department of Public Health to inspect hospital compliance with nurse-to-patient ratios, and specifies that each individual hospital committee that reviews a patient classification system shall be comprised of registered nurses appointed by the bargaining agent, unless none exists.

This bill directs decisions that are best left at the local level.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.