

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1 without my signature.

At a time when segments of California public higher education, the University of California and the California State University, are raising fees on all students attending college in order to maintain the quality of education provided, it would not be prudent to place additional strain on the General Fund to accord the new benefit of providing state subsidized financial aid to students without lawful immigration status. Under existing law, undocumented students, who meet the required criteria, already qualify for the lower in-state tuition rate while attending California public colleges and universities.

Therefore, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger