

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1270 without my signature.

This bill places additional requirements on information technology expenditures and system changes of the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (Board) that go beyond current administrative directives. The Office of the State Chief Information Officer (OCIO) was established with broad authority to oversee the information technology activities of state agencies and possesses the expertise to appropriately administer this authority. This bill usurps the OCIO's judgment and discretion in carrying out its duties and creates in statute a permanent level of oversight that goes well beyond what is required to address recent issues with the Board.

In addition, this bill requires the Board to develop specified written procedures related to the processing of applications to the Victim Compensation Program, which are consistent with recommendations made by the Bureau of State Audits. Since the Board has already agreed to these recommendations and is currently working to implement them, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger