

BILL NUMBER: SB 1154
VETOED DATE: 09/29/2010

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1154 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to ensure that CPUC-administered low-income program applications include information about the applicant's potential eligibility to qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program.

Throughout my Administration, I have been supportive of efforts to inform Californians of the tax benefits they could realize under the EITC. Nonetheless, it is outside the responsibility of the CPUC and electrical and telephone corporations to provide outreach materials on federal tax programs.

Additionally, I am concerned about the precedent of requiring utility companies to advertise an ever-growing list of programs that are not directly related to the services they provide, yet would impose costs on other ratepayers who may receive little or no benefit.

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

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger