



SEN. GEORGE RUNNER (RET.)

MEMBER
STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
CALIFORNIA'S TAX BOARD

March 15, 2016

Assemblymember Shirley Weber, Chair
Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting
1020 N Street, Room 365
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ASSEMBLY BILL 1828 (DODD) - STATE BOE: MEMBERS: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST •SUPPORT •

Dear Assemblymember Weber,

I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 1828, which amends the Kopp Conflict of Interest Act of 1990 related to contribution limits and disclosure requirements applicable to Board of Equalization Members, and revises other aspects of their fundraising.

The purpose of AB 1828 is to remove the perception of potential conflicts of interest created when Board Members accept contributions from parties, participants or their employees who have or recently had pending adjudicatory proceedings before the Board. While I don't believe Board Members have been unduly influenced or taken inappropriate actions under current law, these are reasonable restrictions that will strengthen public confidence that the Board decides cases based on facts and the law, independent of inappropriate influence.

AB 1828 will not create a burden for Board Members since contributions are currently tracked. Therefore, I am pleased to support the bill and urge your "aye" vote when it is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER
1st District

cc: Assemblymember Dodd
Julia King, Policy Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus