California bill to cap state employee pay makes it out of committee

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A bill that would cap California state employees' pay at no more than what the governor earns cleared the Senate Public Employee and Retirement Committee on Wednesday on a 3-1 vote.

Senate Bill 1368, authored by Sen. Joel Anderson, R-Alpine, would limit the annual pay of state officers and employees, including overtime, to the governor's salary, currently $173,987 per year.

The measure exempts current salaries set by contracts but requires the limitations to take effect for those employees once those deals expire. Anderson's bill also includes exemptions for public safety workers and judges.

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