**Senate Voices Disapproval over Arnold's Textbook Proposal**

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The South Science building was packed with senators and guests Tuesday when the Academic Senate met to discuss a bill that would require all students to subscribe to a single textbook for each course. Currently, students can purchase their textbooks at the bookstore or online, but the measure (AB 1819) would require a text-based electronic system at all campuses.

The Senate has been divided on the issue for the past year, with the majority of senators voting to reject the bill. Several of the senators who support the measure believe that the current system is outdated and that a textbook system would make it easier for students to purchase and access their textbooks.

However, some senators believe that the measure is unnecessary and that the current system is working well. They argue that the current system allows students to choose which textbooks to purchase and that it is easier to exchange books with classmates.

The measure is sponsored by Assembly Member Ed Chau, a Democrat from Los Angeles. It would require all public four-year colleges and universities to adopt a single textbook system for all courses.

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