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Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 59, the following Assembly Journal for the 2013–14 Regular Session was printed while the Assembly was in Final Recess.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented by the Chief Clerk, and ordered printed in the Journal:

September 10, 2014

E. Dotson Wilson
Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3196
Sacramento, California

RE: Appointment of Constance Carroll to
Awards for Innovation in Higher Education Committee

Dear Mr. Wilson: Please be advised that I have appointed Chancellor Constance Carroll to the Awards for Innovation in Higher Education Committee. This is a pleasure appointment starting September 10, 2014.

Sincerely,

TONI G. ATKINS
Speaker of the Assembly

REPORTS

The following letters of transmittal were presented by the Chief Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal:

California State Auditor

2014-037
September 11, 2014

*The Honorable Speaker of the Assembly
The Honorable Members of the Assembly
of the Legislature of California
State Capitol, Room 3196
Sacramento, California*

Members of the Assembly: As required by the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 53533 and 53545, the California State Auditor presents its fourth audit in a series concerning the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Acts of 2002 and 2006.

This report concludes that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, and the California Housing Finance Agency generally awarded funds in a timely manner. However, weaknesses in awarding funds for some of the programs HCD administers have resulted in certain recipients' questionable use of the funds. For example, in one program, HCD does not have an adequate process for determining the reasonableness of the costs of proposed projects, as required by law. As a result, it awarded funds to projects with costs well above the averages for their geographical areas without determining whether their higher costs were reasonable. Moreover, HCD awarded funds to a project for the Catalyst Communities Grant Program to construct an outdoor green space even though state law restricted the use of these funds specifically for the building of affordable housing.

HCD also failed to adequately monitor four of the seven housing bond programs that we reviewed. Although this sort of monitoring is critical to ensuring that recipients use funds as state law intends, HCD failed to regularly obtain many status reports from recipients that it needs to effectively monitor them. For example, HCD did not obtain more than half of the reports that two of the programs' recipients should have submitted in the past two years. As a result, HCD does not know whether recipients use housing bond funds in accordance with award requirements to achieve the programs' various goals.

Because it does not provide an adequate level of monitoring, HCD often does not know if recipients used funds in accordance with program requirements or if programs benefited targeted populations. In fact, for two of the programs we reviewed, HCD advanced funds to several recipients that for years did not provide evidence to HCD of how they spent those funds. When HCD finally asked one of these recipients to return a portion of an advance six years after disbursing it, the recipient no longer had the funds and had to enter into a payment plan with HCD. If HCD had properly monitored the recipient and had not

allowed it to hold the advanced funds for nearly six years, HCD likely would have avoided a situation in which the recipient used funds for potentially unauthorized purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE M. HOWLE, CPA
State Auditor

Above report referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

California State Auditor

2014-108
September 25, 2014

*The Honorable Speaker of the Assembly
The Honorable Members of the Assembly
of the Legislature of California
State Capitol, Room 3196
Sacramento, California*

Members of the Assembly: As requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the California State Auditor presents this audit report concerning the State Board of Equalization (BOE) headquarters building located at 450 N Street in downtown Sacramento (building). Specifically, we were asked to assess the efforts of BOE and the California Department of General Services (General Services) to analyze the costs of needed repairs to the building, the potential loss of worker productivity and state tax revenue during repairs, and the costs and benefits of continuing to house BOE headquarters employees in the building compared to moving them to a new facility.

This report concludes that BOE has performed or commissioned several analyses on the costs and benefits of relocating its headquarters but has yet to prepare a cohesive, properly supported analysis. Many of BOE's estimates and assumptions, including its claim that it could increase state tax revenue collection by 5 percent, do not have adequate support or rationale. After expanding on BOE's analysis using much more conservative assumptions, we conclude that moving BOE headquarters to a new facility may, in fact, have net fiscal benefits for the State. However, these benefits would erode quickly if General Services does not have a plan in place for the future use or disposal of the building.

Despite its responsibility to manage the State's properties, General Services has not prepared a formal estimate for the cost of repairs needed to remediate the building and has not analyzed if maintaining ownership in the building is the most cost-effective option for the State, nor what to do with the building if BOE is allowed to move to a new facility. Without firm estimates for the costs of building repairs, the market value of the building, and potential uses for the building in the future, General Services cannot adequately provide information on what options are in the best interest of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE M. HOWLE, CPA
State Auditor

Above report referred to the Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

By unanimous consent, the following committees were permitted to meet:

Select Committee on Biotechnology, on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., at San Francisco State University;

Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, on Thursday, September 25, 2014, at 2 p.m., in Room 444;

Aging and Long-Term Care, on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 2 p.m.;

Public Safety, to convene jointly with the Senate Committee on Public Safety, on Thursday, October 2, 2014, at 12 noon, in Room 4203;

Health, on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 10 a.m., in Room 447;

Judiciary, to convene jointly with the Committee on Business, Professions and Consumer Protection, and the Committee on Health; and the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, and Senate Committee on Health, on Monday, September 29, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 4202;

Higher Education, on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 12 noon, at the University of California, Berkeley;

Human Services, on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in Norwalk;

Select Committee on Local Emergency Preparedness, on Monday, October 20, 2014, at 10 a.m.

ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT REPORTS

Assembly Chamber, September 2, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 67
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 149
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 152
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 155
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 156
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 160
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 166

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 2nd day of September, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 2, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 288	Assembly Bill No. 1598
Assembly Bill No. 505	Assembly Bill No. 1658
Assembly Bill No. 690	Assembly Bill No. 1707
Assembly Bill No. 852	Assembly Bill No. 1716
Assembly Bill No. 882	Assembly Bill No. 1732
Assembly Bill No. 1190	Assembly Bill No. 1790
Assembly Bill No. 1446	Assembly Bill No. 1850
Assembly Bill No. 1525	Assembly Bill No. 1883

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 2nd day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 2, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1973 | Assembly Bill No. 2241 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2024 | Assembly Bill No. 2247 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2064 | Assembly Bill No. 2289 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2081 | Assembly Bill No. 2551 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2087 | Assembly Bill No. 2570 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2198 | Assembly Bill No. 2578 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2213 | Assembly Bill No. 2592 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2215 | |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 2nd day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 3, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1589 | Assembly Bill No. 2031 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1590 | Assembly Bill No. 2048 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1617 | Assembly Bill No. 2058 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1665 | Assembly Bill No. 2077 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1728 | Assembly Bill No. 2138 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1761 | Assembly Bill No. 2259 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1764 | Assembly Bill No. 2295 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1951 | Assembly Bill No. 2320 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 3rd day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 3, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 802 | Assembly Bill No. 1574 |
| Assembly Bill No. 809 | Assembly Bill No. 1575 |
| Assembly Bill No. 928 | Assembly Bill No. 1581 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1130 | Assembly Bill No. 2621 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1395 | Assembly Bill No. 2667 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1444 | Assembly Bill No. 2679 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1447 | Assembly Bill No. 2681 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1529 | Assembly Bill No. 2707 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 3rd day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 4, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1943 | Assembly Bill No. 2160 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1967 | Assembly Bill No. 2188 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2005 | Assembly Bill No. 2271 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2018 | Assembly Bill No. 2490 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2051 | Assembly Bill No. 2546 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2102 | Assembly Bill No. 2548 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2121 | Assembly Bill No. 2657 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2142 | Assembly Bill No. 2745 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 4th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 4, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 27 | Assembly Bill No. 1667 |
| Assembly Bill No. 400 | Assembly Bill No. 1709 |
| Assembly Bill No. 420 | Assembly Bill No. 1765 |
| Assembly Bill No. 496 | Assembly Bill No. 1870 |
| Assembly Bill No. 510 | Assembly Bill No. 1930 |
| Assembly Bill No. 523 | Assembly Bill No. 2151 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1089 | Assembly Bill No. 2253 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1556 | Assembly Bill No. 2451 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 4th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 4, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 2250 | Assembly Bill No. 2465 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2344 | Assembly Bill No. 2473 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2350 | Assembly Bill No. 2474 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2355 | Assembly Bill No. 2545 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2363 | Assembly Bill No. 2585 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2408 | Assembly Bill No. 2623 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2444 | Assembly Bill No. 2741 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2450 | |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 4th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 5, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 388 | Assembly Bill No. 1710 |
| Assembly Bill No. 543 | Assembly Bill No. 1751 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1249 | Assembly Bill No. 1824 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1453 | Assembly Bill No. 2562 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1509 | Assembly Bill No. 2616 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1550 | Assembly Bill No. 2636 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1579 | Assembly Bill No. 2734 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1646 | Assembly Bill No. 2740 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 5th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 5, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 948 | Assembly Bill No. 1552 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1432 | Assembly Bill No. 1586 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1433 | Assembly Bill No. 1610 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1520 | Assembly Bill No. 1690 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1521 | Assembly Bill No. 1693 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1532 | Assembly Bill No. 1730 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1537 | Assembly Bill No. 1787 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1539 | Assembly Bill No. 1867 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 5th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 5, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1910 | Assembly Bill No. 2276 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1920 | Assembly Bill No. 2282 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1929 | Assembly Bill No. 2413 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1962 | Assembly Bill No. 2425 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2022 | Assembly Bill No. 2454 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2035 | Assembly Bill No. 2485 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2071 | Assembly Bill No. 2503 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2089 | Assembly Bill No. 2523 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 5th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 5, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 186 | Assembly Bill No. 2418 |
| Assembly Bill No. 337 | Assembly Bill No. 2558 |
| Assembly Bill No. 614 | Assembly Bill No. 2565 |
| Assembly Bill No. 896 | Assembly Bill No. 2643 |
| Assembly Bill No. 935 | Assembly Bill No. 2661 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1179 | Assembly Bill No. 2668 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1234 | Assembly Bill No. 2690 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2398 | Assembly Bill No. 2720 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 5th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 5, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 585 | Assembly Bill No. 1976 |
| Assembly Bill No. 919 | Assembly Bill No. 1993 |
| Assembly Bill No. 966 | Assembly Bill No. 2257 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1518 | Assembly Bill No. 2321 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1620 | Assembly Bill No. 2378 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1723 | Assembly Bill No. 2492 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1789 | Assembly Bill No. 2632 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1806 | Assembly Bill No. 2752 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 5th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 5, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1871 | Assembly Bill No. 2052 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1877 | Assembly Bill No. 2139 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1881 | Assembly Bill No. 2150 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1907 | Assembly Bill No. 2185 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1990 | Assembly Bill No. 2310 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2000 | Assembly Bill No. 2328 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2013 | Assembly Bill No. 2337 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2016 | Assembly Bill No. 2382 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 5th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 8, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 141 | Assembly Bill No. 1666 |
| Assembly Bill No. 229 | Assembly Bill No. 1673 |
| Assembly Bill No. 336 | Assembly Bill No. 1916 |
| Assembly Bill No. 357 | Assembly Bill No. 1979 |
| Assembly Bill No. 883 | Assembly Bill No. 2029 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1271 | Assembly Bill No. 2186 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1276 | Assembly Bill No. 2467 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1356 | Assembly Bill No. 2494 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 8th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 8, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1439 | Assembly Bill No. 1643 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1517 | Assembly Bill No. 1650 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1527 | Assembly Bill No. 1711 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1559 | Assembly Bill No. 1712 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1565 | Assembly Bill No. 1719 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1584 | Assembly Bill No. 1821 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1585 | Assembly Bill No. 1957 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1592 | Assembly Bill No. 2062 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 8th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 8, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 194 | Assembly Bill No. 2455 |
| Assembly Bill No. 504 | Assembly Bill No. 2520 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2148 | Assembly Bill No. 2561 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2211 | Assembly Bill No. 2617 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2222 | Assembly Bill No. 2706 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2264 | Assembly Bill No. 2719 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2280 | Assembly Bill No. 2736 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2377 | Assembly Bill No. 2756 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 8th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 8, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 46 | Assembly Bill No. 2351 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2109 | Assembly Bill No. 2386 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2141 | Assembly Bill No. 2396 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2146 | Assembly Bill No. 2399 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2217 | Assembly Bill No. 2685 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2228 | Assembly Bill No. 2721 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2263 | Assembly Bill No. 2723 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2324 | Assembly Bill No. 2748 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 8th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 8, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 617 | Assembly Bill No. 1595 |
| Assembly Bill No. 983 | Assembly Bill No. 1599 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1096 | Assembly Bill No. 1607 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1327 | Assembly Bill No. 1608 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1340 | Assembly Bill No. 1614 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1442 | Assembly Bill No. 1660 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1522 | Assembly Bill No. 1839 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1570 | Assembly Bill No. 2664 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 8th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 9, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1760 | Assembly Bill No. 1999 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1795 | Assembly Bill No. 2039 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1837 | Assembly Bill No. 2044 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1840 | Assembly Bill No. 2099 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1866 | Assembly Bill No. 2155 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1899 | Assembly Bill No. 2171 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1915 | Assembly Bill No. 2220 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1981 | Assembly Bill No. 2231 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 9th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 9, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1678 | Assembly Bill No. 2415 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1733 | Assembly Bill No. 2442 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1744 | Assembly Bill No. 2501 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2272 | Assembly Bill No. 2512 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2308 | Assembly Bill No. 2516 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2380 | Assembly Bill No. 2539 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2384 | Assembly Bill No. 2581 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2387 | |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 9th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 9, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1701 | Assembly Bill No. 2625 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2593 | Assembly Bill No. 2672 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2605 | Assembly Bill No. 2746 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2607 | Assembly Bill No. 2747 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2612 | Assembly Bill No. 2758 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 9th day of September, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 9, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 96
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 101
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 102
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 119
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 140
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 147
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 162
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 163
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 167
 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 40
 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 44
 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 46
 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 48
 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 53

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 9th day of September, 2014, at 1:15 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 10, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1014
 Assembly Bill No. 1609

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 10th day of September, 2014, at 10 a.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 10, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 26	Assembly Bill No. 877
Assembly Bill No. 47	Assembly Bill No. 913
Assembly Bill No. 49	Assembly Bill No. 922
Assembly Bill No. 52	Assembly Bill No. 968
Assembly Bill No. 155	Assembly Bill No. 1043
Assembly Bill No. 225	Assembly Bill No. 1174
Assembly Bill No. 634	Assembly Bill No. 1193
Assembly Bill No. 837	Assembly Bill No. 1256

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 10th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 10, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1311	Assembly Bill No. 1657
Assembly Bill No. 1324	Assembly Bill No. 1672
Assembly Bill No. 1397	Assembly Bill No. 1692
Assembly Bill No. 1513	Assembly Bill No. 1717
Assembly Bill No. 1577	Assembly Bill No. 1793
Assembly Bill No. 1594	Assembly Bill No. 1822
Assembly Bill No. 1629	Assembly Bill No. 1857
Assembly Bill No. 1634	

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 10th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 10, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1873 | Assembly Bill No. 2126 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1897 | Assembly Bill No. 2190 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1898 | Assembly Bill No. 2193 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1927 | Assembly Bill No. 2218 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2004 | Assembly Bill No. 2236 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2010 | Assembly Bill No. 2270 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2060 | Assembly Bill No. 2293 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2088 | |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 10th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 10, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Assembly Bill No. 2306 | Assembly Bill No. 2577 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2325 | Assembly Bill No. 2646 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2374 | Assembly Bill No. 2647 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2411 | Assembly Bill No. 2673 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2434 | Assembly Bill No. 2675 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2443 | Assembly Bill No. 2754 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2493 | Assembly Bill No. 2755 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2530 | Assembly Bill No. 2763 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 10th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 10, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 13 | Assembly Bill No. 1399 |
| Assembly Bill No. 278 | Assembly Bill No. 1424 |
| Assembly Bill No. 333 | Assembly Bill No. 1450 |
| Assembly Bill No. 334 | Assembly Bill No. 1476 |
| Assembly Bill No. 380 | Assembly Bill No. 1478 |
| Assembly Bill No. 885 | Assembly Bill No. 1560 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1147 | Assembly Bill No. 2764 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1175 | Assembly Bill No. 2765 |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 10th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 10, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 1656 | Assembly Bill No. 1978 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1739 | Assembly Bill No. 2124 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1783 | Assembly Bill No. 2557 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1792 | Assembly Bill No. 2731 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1945 | |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 10th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 11, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 105
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 145
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 158
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 159
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 168
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 169
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 170
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 171
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 172
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 173
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 174
 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 175

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 11th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 11, 2014

Mme. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 32 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 50
 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 49 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 51

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 11th day of September, 2014, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following veto messages from the Governor were received and ordered printed in the Journal:

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1612

Governor's Office, Sacramento
 September 15, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1612 without my signature.

As required by current law, the full text of the California Code of Regulations is provided online and free of charge at <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>.

This bill is unnecessary. Any problems with accessibility can be quickly corrected by the Office of Administrative Law, as demonstrated earlier this year.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1620

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 15, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1620 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Commission to evaluate and improve upon the state’s emergency preparedness, management, and disaster recovery capabilities.

In 2012, I released the Governor’s Reorganization Plan No. 2, which transferred the responsibilities of the California Emergency Management Agency to the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and eliminated the California Emergency Council to better streamline governmental operations. This bill seeks to reinstate that council as a new commission, which is contrary to the goal of the Reorganization Plan, and would duplicate systems and efforts already in place.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 15th day of September, 2014, at 4:55 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor’s signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Michael Mullaney:

Assembly Bills Nos. 1612 and 1620.

SUE PARKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2612

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 16, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2612 without my signature.

The bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to request a federal waiver to claim federal funds for care management and supportive services for state and county inmates during the last 30 days prior to their release.

Unfortunately, federal law prohibits such funding and no such waiver is viable.

The Department of Health Care Services will continue to work with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and counties to coordinate connections to needed health care services for soon-to-be released inmates.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 16th day of September, 2014, at 1:35 p.m., of the following Assembly Bill without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Michael Mullaney:

Assembly Bill No. 2612.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1586

Governor's Office, Sacramento

September 17, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1586 without my signature.

This bill requires state contractors, when hiring for specified positions, to consider all qualified applicants who are receiving unemployment benefits, who have exhausted unemployment benefits, or who live in a targeted employment area.

As currently drafted, this bill lacks clarity as to what exactly employers must do to be in compliance, making it very difficult to enforce. Additionally, the bill revives the targeted employment areas created under the Enterprise Zone Act, which was repealed last year, and does not effectively integrate the job posting and notification capability of the CalJOBS website managed by the Employment Development Department.

Therefore, I am directing my Employment Development Department to work with the author on a bill that addresses these issues for consideration next year.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1910

Governor's Office, Sacramento

September 17, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1910 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Workforce Investment Board to establish the San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Planning and Preparedness Council to develop an oil and natural gas workforce strategic initiative and report its activities to the legislature by April 1 each year.

The state has a number of programs in place for improving San Joaquin Valley's workforce skills: the "SlingShot Program" and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. The SlingShot Program was created in 2014 to accelerate income mobility by encouraging business, workforce development and education leaders to formulate strategies to address employment challenges at the regional level. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley was founded in 2005 as a public-private partnership focused on improving the region's economic vitality and quality of life for its residents.

I continue to believe that initiatives such as the one proposed in this bill should be driven at the regional level through consensus among

industry, labor, regional economic development organizations, local workforce investment boards, and local governments.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2271

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 17, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2271 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit an employer from discriminating against job applicants based on the applicant’s status as unemployed. While I support the intent of this bill, it could impede the state’s efforts to connect unemployed workers to prospective employers as currently drafted. The problems facing our state’s long term unemployed are great. There is no doubt that those Californians want to get back to work and I want to help them get there—unfortunately this bill does not provide the proper path to address this problem.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 17th day of September, 2014, at 1:06 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor’s signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 1586, 1910, and 2271.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2005

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 18, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

This bill adds one Senator and one Assemblymember to the California Horse Racing Board as ex officio, non-voting members who are prohibited from serving on subcommittees of the Board.

Members of the Legislature can already participate in the decision-making process of the Board—through attendance at the public hearings, formal correspondence to the Board, or meeting with Commissioners or staff. Changing the composition of the Board as proposed would provide no additional benefits to the Legislature or the horse racing industry.

For this reason I am returning Assembly Bill 2005 without my signature.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2029

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 18, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2029 without my signature.

The bill would add a statutory definition of “sudden unexplained death in childhood” and require coroners to notify parents or responsible parties about the importance of taking tissue samples when such an unexplained death occurs.

Rather than creating a state mandate at this juncture, we should rely on coroners to use their best professional judgment to provide appropriate and relevant information to next of kin for this difficult circumstance.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2198

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 18, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2198 without my signature.

This bill would require certain mental health professionals to complete a training program in “suicide assessment, treatment, and management.”

California has an extensive regulatory scheme that aims to ensure that California physicians, psychologists and counselors are skilled in the healing arts to which they have committed their lives. Rather than further legislating in this field, I would ask our licensing boards to evaluate the issues which this bill raises and take whatever actions are needed.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2592

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 18, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2592 without my signature.

When considering the allocation of racing dates, the California Horse Racing Board actively solicits feedback from the horseracing community and the public at large. Often, spirited discussions occur at the hearings of the full Board, or in the smaller expert subcommittees. I am confident that the Commissioners consider all competing proposals before voting.

Mandating a specific economic analysis before a decision could be made would add substantial costs to an already complex process without commensurate benefit.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 18th day of September, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor’s signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 2005, 2029, 2198, and 2592.

SUE PARKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1520

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 19, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1520 without my signature.

I believe that current law governing pet trusts is adequate to protect an animal after its owner’s death.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1969

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 19, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1969 without my signature.

When viable, the University of California, California State University and California Community Colleges have coordinated on major information technology projects.

I prefer to maintain the current flexibility that allows the segments to identify and pursue opportunities for joint projects when it makes programmatic and fiscal sense.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2384

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 19, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2384 without my signature.

This bill would alter the role and composition of school site councils.

In 2013, the Legislature passed the landmark Local Control Funding Formula that refocused authority for public schools from distant state administrators to local communities and their elected school boards.

This measure assumes that local communities now need further state guidance. As the local control process is just beginning, such an assumption seems unwarranted.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2408

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 19, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2408 without my signature.

This bill would add two new members to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence that was recently established under the Local Control Funding Formula.

It is premature to alter the composition of the Collaborative prior to its initial meeting. I would prefer to see how the Collaborative functions in its current form before making any changes.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2719

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 19, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2719 without my signature.

I am not persuaded that requiring the Office of Planning and Research to develop a model local ordinance to regulate mobile retail operations is a wise use of state resources. This is a matter well within the competence of local officials.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 19th day of September, 2014, at 3:15 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 1520, 1969, 2384, 2408, and 2719.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1693

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 20, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1693 without my signature.

This bill would set inflexible time limits for the completion of small telephone company rate cases and potentially harm ratepayers. I am directing the California Public Utilities Commission to address the concerns of the proponents and to create a Rate Case Plan to encourage timely completion of these rate cases.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2270

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 20, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2270 without my signature.

This bill allows the California Building Standards Commission to appoint individuals from the energy and resource efficiency professions to serve on advisory panels with respect to building standards.

The California Building Standards Commission is already required to appoint energy and resources efficiency professionals to serve on the advisory panels.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 21st day of September, 2014, at 1:05 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor’s signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts:

Assembly Bills Nos. 1693 and 2270.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 278

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 25, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 278 without my signature.

This bill would require the Air Resources Board to consider several sustainability factors or other policies on the carbon intensity of fuels when promulgating regulations.

This bill does not add any new analysis to the work that the Air Board has conducted in developing the state’s policies on fuels. The Air Board will continue to incorporate a life-cycle analysis, including direct and indirect land use changes, as it moves forward in implementing AB 32.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 543

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 25, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 543 without my signature.

This bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and develop recommended amendments to the CEQA Guidelines that would establish criteria for a lead agency to assess the need for translating certain notices into non-English languages.

Translating public notices and other important information is often good practice. In fact, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Government Code Section 11135 require lead agencies to do just that. The High Speed Rail Project and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan are examples of projects where the lead agency determined that translation of environmental review documents was merited.

Existing federal and state laws already provide guidance to lead agencies regarding the circumstances which give rise to the need for translating public documents.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1592

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 25, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1592 without my signature.

I appreciate the author's efforts to highlight, monitor and reduce the burden of diabetes in the state. Unfortunately, the Department of Public Health already submitted its Diabetes Burden Report to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as required, and is unable to withdraw the report to include additional information prescribed by the bill.

Instead, I will direct the Department of Public Health and the Department of Health Care Services to work with the author and stakeholders to provide the information sought by the bill, so that lawmakers and others will have the facts necessary to assess and further direct our collective effort to reduce the prevalence of diabetes in our state.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1822

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 25, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1822 without my signature.

The bill would exempt hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and other outpatient settings from having to obtain licensure as a tissue bank if the human tissue or cell-based product they receive and store meets specified requirements.

Currently, because hospitals and other outpatient facilities do not want to become licensed tissue banks, they pay expensive courier fees to transport unused products back to tissue banks—a cost they pass on to the tissue banks themselves. While I support eliminating overly burdensome regulation, I’m not convinced that the bill strikes the right balance between safety and economy.

I will direct the Department of Public Health to continue working with interested parties to develop an approach that balances appropriate oversight with cost savings for suppliers.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1877

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 25, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1877 without my signature.

The bill would create the California Vision Care Access Council as a new public entity charged with operating a Web site that allows consumers to compare information about vision plans that meet the Council’s requirements. The bill would also require Covered California’s board to run the Council’s operations, and use the board’s staff and resources to conduct the activities of the Council, if permitted by federal law.

Creating a new state bureaucracy to inform consumers about vision plans isn’t necessary, nor is it advisable to divert Covered California’s focus with a new scheme, the governance of which may be impermissible under federal rules.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2088

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 25, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2088 without my signature.

This bill seeks to prevent substandard health care coverage from being sold in the employer market by setting a minimum threshold for value.

While well-intentioned, to the extent this bill would outlaw any “grandfathered plans”—those products that have been continuously sold to an employer prior to the passage of the Affordable Care Act—it may violate federal law.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2328

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 25, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2328 without my signature.

This bill establishes the California AmeriCorps to be administered by California Volunteers in accordance with federal AmeriCorps program guidelines.

While the bill is well intentioned, California already has programs, such as the California Conservation Corps and the California Volunteers Service Enterprise Initiative, that couple volunteer service with educational scholarships. I encourage the Legislature to work through these programs to strengthen partnerships between volunteers and local governments.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2337

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 25, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2337 without my signature.

This bill extends the driver license revocation period from one to two years for a driver in a collision resulting in injury or death who leaves the scene.

Currently, penalties for serious hit-and-run collisions can include incarceration for an extended period, fines including penalty assessments up to \$41,131, and restitution. Moreover, conditions of parole and probation can be imposed to prohibit driving.

While I consider hit-and-run collisions to be very significant events, current penalties seem to be at appropriate levels.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2418

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 25, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2418 without my signature.

The bill would require health plans and insurers to apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to the refills of certain medications if the prescriber or pharmacist indicates it is in the best interest of the patient and it is for the purpose of synchronizing refill dates for the patient’s medications. The bill also allows for early refills of covered eye products.

While I understand the importance of encouraging people to take their prescribed medications, the bill lacks explicit patient consent before changes are made to refills; nor does the bill speak to the supportive elements that have made synchronization programs anecdotally successful.

Medication adherence is complicated. Solutions to this problem will likely require a more holistic approach and collaboration between doctors, patients, pharmacists and health plans.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 25th day of September, 2014, at 4:22 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor’s signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 278, 543, 1592, 1822, 1877, 2088, 2328, 2337, and 2418.

AMY LEACH
Minute Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2081

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 26, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2081 without my signature.

This bill is unnecessary as these agricultural resources are already eligible for designation as historical landmarks under the existing California Historical Landmarks Program. In fact, 55 vineyards are currently designated as State Historical Landmarks in California.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2150

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 26, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2150 without my signature.

The Parks Forward Commission, an independent commission appointed in 2013, is charged with conducting a process designed to address the financial, operational, and cultural challenges facing the Department to ensure the system's long-term viability. The final report with recommendations for a long-term plan will be completed this fall.

It would be prudent to allow the Department to develop an overall strategic plan before requiring the specific activities called for in this bill. I am directing the Department to work with the author on common proposals that can be implemented in the next fiscal year.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2467

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 26, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2467 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to make Plastic Market Development Payments to both product manufacturers and certified plastic recyclers.

Eliminating the department's discretionary authority to choose payment recipients hinders its ability to respond to changes in plastic recycling markets.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2581

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 26, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2581 without my signature.

The bill would add specific considerations which are already part of the way the Energy Commission adopts appliance efficiency standards. The bill does not add any additional authority to the Commission.

I am directing the Commission to continue to work with all stakeholders involved in the appliance efficiency standards and consider all data submitted to the record, relevant market developments and appropriate labeling options.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2593

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 26, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2593 without my signature.

This bill would require a business enterprise with gross annual revenue exceeding \$25 million, participating in a program administered by the Air Resources Board that is funded from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, to report annually to the Air Board regarding supplier diversity procurement.

Without question, I support the general goal, but this bill establishes a burdensome and expensive requirement for businesses with no clear way to ensure that supplier diversity would actually increase. Furthermore, State agencies are already taking action to report on diversity procurement and currently report to both the State and Federal governments on supplier diversity procurement contracts.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 26th day of September, 2014, at 4:40 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehazion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 2081, 2150, 2467, 2581, and 2593.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 194

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 194 without my signature.

This bill amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow individuals who attend local agency meetings to speak before and during an agenda item, a common practice. The bill restates that local agencies shall not prohibit public criticism at meetings. Finally, the bill prescribes how time should be allotted to each speaker.

California has robust policies and longstanding laws in place that promote an open and transparent government and guarantee public decision making. This bill adds certain procedures to the Brown Act, which at best will elongate but in no way enhance the quality of debate at the local level.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 400

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 400 without my signature.

Information regarding contributions is most important for voters when they are deciding whether to vote for or against a measure that is on the ballot. Earlier this year I signed legislation to provide up-to-date information regarding committees for or against a measure or candidate that have raised over \$1 million. Now, voters can inspect the top 10 contributors on the Fair Political Practices' website at www.fppc.ca.gov/top10Nov2014 or www.fppc.ca.gov/candidateNov2014. These links are also provided in the ballot pamphlet—an essential source of information for voters.

It is not practical to include contributor information on petitions as signatures are being gathered. The brief time allotted to collect hundreds of thousands of signatures does not provide flexibility for a proponent to reprint petitions each time there is a change in the top five contributors.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1565

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1565 without my signature.

I appreciate the author's desire to focus on the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender veterans, but creating a new grant program without a funding source is premature.

If any funding is identified in the future for such a program, the California Department of Veterans Affairs would be a better entity for its administration.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1976

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1976 without my signature.

The California Student Aid Commission is working within its existing authority to ensure that as many students as possible are claiming competitive Cal Grants without exceeding the 22,500 awards authorized each year.

I would like to allow the Commission some time to get it right before enacting a legislative solution that would expand the current program. This bill is premature.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2058

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2058 without my signature.

This bill expands the definition of a state body, under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, to standing advisory committees with one or two members.

Any meeting involving formal action by a state body should be open to the public. An advisory committee, however, does not have authority to act on its own and must present any findings and recommendations to a larger body in a public setting for formal action. That should be sufficient.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2151

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2151 without my signature.

This bill would allow a county to seek direct reimbursement from a resident age 16 or older for search or rescue costs when the person knowingly violates a local, state or federal law or ordinance.

While I agree with the author's intent to discourage unlawful actions that can place persons and rescue personnel in danger, this bill contains vague language that may create an incentive for counties to abuse the authority granted by this bill. Current law already allows counties to recover costs for search and rescue through a civil lawsuit if they can prove "gross negligence" on behalf of the rescued individual. This bill would allow counties to bypass that due process completely and serve an individual with a bill for up to \$12,000. I encourage the author to craft a bill that strikes the right balance between appropriate due process and cost recovery for reckless misconduct.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2512

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2512 without my signature.

This bill would authorize school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to include information relative to compliance with Title IX gender equity in the "school climate" category of Local Control and Accountability Plans beginning January 1, 2018.

I appreciate the author's concerns but believe that the recently enacted Local Control Funding Formula should not now be subjected to a series of amendments. The law envisions that local communities fashion the plans that work best for them. State intervention in this process is premature.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2548

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2548 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Education to collaborate with the University of California and the California State University to conduct a study on the percentages of California public high school graduates estimated to be eligible for freshman admission into higher education.

The information sought by this bill is within the scope and responsibility of school districts. I am reluctant to impose duties on state authorities that are better handled locally.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 27th day of September, 2014, at 4:22 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 194, 400, 1565, 1976, 2058, 2151, 2512, and 2548.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 46

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 28, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 46 without my signature.

This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University to provide to the Cal State Academic Senate and campus academic senates, upon request, specific data on students who take any online course offered by Cal State or its contracting entity.

The Academic Senate passed a resolution calling the bill unnecessary and citing student privacy and cost issues, among other concerns. I agree.

I am aware of the deep concerns that the sponsor of the bill has expressed regarding online courses. These courses, however, could play an important role in helping to reduce the bottleneck that too often prevents students from graduating on time. This is one of the reasons I believe that we should not unduly limit the introduction of online courses in the Cal State system.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 837

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 28, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 837 without my signature.

This measure creates an exemption to the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013. I am unwilling to begin chipping away at these reforms.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 883

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 28, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 883 without my signature.

This bill would establish a child sexual abuse prevention pilot program, allowing up to three counties to receive \$50,000 annually for four years to provide child sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation prevention and intervention services.

While this bill is undoubtedly well intentioned, it doesn't provide the criteria or funding necessary for counties to participate or for the Department of Social Services to conduct this pilot program. It may also duplicate efforts that have just gotten underway with the passage of this year's budget to combat and reduce the growing problem of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 885

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 28, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 885 without my signature.

AB 885 would allow a court to instruct the jury to consider intentional or knowing prosecutorial discovery violations in determining whether reasonable doubt exists in a criminal case.

Prosecutorial misconduct should never be tolerated.

This bill, however, would be a sharp departure from current practice that looks to the judiciary to decide how juries should be instructed. Under current law, judges have an array of remedies at their disposal if a discovery violation comes to light during trial.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1327

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 28, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1327 without my signature.

This bill prohibits law enforcement from using a drone without obtaining a search warrant, except in limited circumstances.

There are undoubtedly circumstances where a warrant is appropriate. The bill's exceptions, however, appear to be too narrow and could impose requirements beyond what is required by either the 4th Amendment or the privacy provisions in the California Constitution.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1444

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 28, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1444 without my signature.

This measure makes kindergarten compulsory by requiring all students to attend one year of kindergarten before entering first grade.

Most children already attend kindergarten, and those that don't may be enrolled in other educational or developmental programs that are deemed more appropriate for them by their families.

I would prefer to let parents determine what is best for their children, rather than mandate an entirely new grade level.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1521

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 28, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1521 without my signature.

This bill changes the formula for calculating annual vehicle license fee adjustment amounts for territories annexed after 2004.

While it is true that the state's economy has improved markedly, and significant progress has been made in aligning revenues and expenditures, I do not believe that it would be prudent to authorize legislation that would result in long term costs to the general fund that this bill would occasion.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1527

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 28, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1527 without my signature because signing the bill would not result in the bill becoming law. The provisions in existing law would repeal the sections of this bill and repeal it in its entirety on January 1, 2015.

I do, however, fully support the policy of consolidation where appropriate and I have asked the State Water Board to incorporate it into the drinking water policy handbook.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 28th day of September, 2014, at 5:35 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehazion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 46, 837, 883, 885, 1327, 1444, 1521, and 1527.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1260

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1260 without my signature.

Family-owned businesses have an important role in our state and local economies and I am supportive of efforts that recognize their vital contributions. I am concerned, however, that adding a definition of "California Family Owned Business" in statute with no legal or programmatic purpose will not achieve the bill's intended purpose.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1399

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1399 without my signature.

This bill creates a new markets tax credit that will cost—over time—\$200 million.

I certainly endorse programs that result in private investments to help low income areas, but a bill to spend this much should be considered with other priorities during the annual budget.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1450

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1450 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit Successor Agencies, under certain circumstances, from receiving property tax incremental revenue generated on voter-approved pension override levies to pay Enforceable Obligations.

The process laid out in this measure would put the state back on the hook, to the tune of \$20 million dollars, for erstwhile local decisions to allow property tax growth from voter approved tax levies for pension obligations to be used by the redevelopment agency for redevelopment activities. I encourage the author and stakeholders to come up with a solution to this issue without impacting general fund dollars.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1529

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1529 without my signature.

This bill would make it easier to dissolve a nonprofit corporation.

Implementing this bill, however, will require expensive reprogramming of an obsolescent computer system that will soon be replaced. It would be better to make this change when the new computer system is being designed.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1550

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1550 without my signature.

This bill amends impasse procedures in the Educational Employment Relations Act to require an employer to give an employee representative written notice at least 30 days prior to implementing the terms of a Last, Best, and Final Offer, to ensure good faith bargaining.

Under current law employers are required to bargain in good faith and nothing has been shown to suggest that existing remedies are inadequate. The record shows that the Public Employment Relations Board has been extremely vigilant in taking action to curb bad faith bargaining.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1552

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1552 without my signature.

The bill would codify the Community-Based Adult Services benefit according to provisions stipulated in a settlement agreement reached in 2012.

Currently, this benefit is authorized under an approved waiver by the federal government. The terms of the waiver may change, pending federal review.

This important program will continue to help many thousands of frail adults remain independent. Codifying it now is premature.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1881

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1881 without my signature.

This bill sets standards in state law for appointing members to the Los Angeles City Employee Relations Board and the Los Angeles County Employment Relations Commission.

Signing this bill would be a significant override of local decision making authority and a departure from my belief in subsidiarity. These issues should be resolved at the local level.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1927

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1927 without my signature.

Earlier this year, I signed SB 845 (Correa), requiring California's higher education institutions to consult with stakeholders and adopt a model contract that can be used to disburse financial aid or refunds to students on payment cards. Any additional changes to this area of the law are premature.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1999

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1999 without my signature.

This bill creates a tax credit for renovating historic buildings, which is in addition to a similar credit offered by the federal government.

While this bill aims to achieve goals I wholeheartedly support, its cost—\$400 million over a period of years—is a spending commitment that should be weighed against other important priorities in the upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2035

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2035 without my signature.

Efforts have just gotten underway with the passage of this year's budget to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children, who are also victims of human trafficking. Much discussion and collaboration took place in developing the blueprint intended to aid these young boys and girls. In fact, the budget provides a growing proportion of funds for planning, prevention and intervention activities.

This bill, however, is premature. More investigation and discussion needs to take place before local authorities are in a solid position to curb the tragedy of young people who are forced to work under illegal and unacceptable conditions.

I am directing the Department of Social Services to assemble relevant parties to explore all avenues that can be pursued to alleviate this suffering.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2052

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2052 without my signature.

This bill expands the categories of peace officers that are eligible for workers' compensation presumptions.

Current workers' compensation law provides coverage to certain categories of peace officers and firefighters for presumed compensable injuries. These presumptions, which include cancer, heart disease, pneumonia, hernia, bio-chemical illness, tuberculosis, and meningitis, were enacted in response to the types of hazards which these workers face. Over the course of many decades, California has expanded both the diseases and the kinds of safety employees which these presumptions cover.

This measure seeks to expand coverage to dozens of additional categories of officers without real evidence that these officers confront the hazards that gave rise to the presumptions codified in existing law. Presumptions should be used rarely and only when justified by clear and convincing scientific evidence.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2211

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2211 without my signature.

This bill requires each county to develop and annually update a graph on its website that provides taxpayers with information about how general ad valorem property tax revenues are allocated countywide, to the county, cities, independent special districts, school districts and redevelopment successor agencies.

Providing information to taxpayers about how local property tax dollars are allocated and spent is important but this bill would impose a state mandate on county governments and could result in corresponding general fund costs. I encourage counties to put this information on their website and update it accordingly.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2221

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2221 without my signature.

This bill establishes a seven-member Business Filing Coordination Council within the Secretary of State to solicit feedback regarding business filings.

The Secretary of State has already established an advisory committee, the Business Filers User Group, for interested parties to provide feedback on the current business filing process and the creation of the new automated system, California Business Connect.

A duplicative council is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 29th day of September, 2014, at 5:53 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 1260, 1399, 1450, 1529, 1550, 1552, 1881, 1927, 1999, 2035, 2052, 2211, and 2221.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2280

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2280 without my signature.

This bill allows local governments to establish a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority to use tax increment revenues to invest in disadvantaged communities.

I applaud the author's efforts to create an economic development program, with voter approval, that focuses on disadvantaged communities and communities with high unemployment. The bill, however, unnecessarily vests this new program in redevelopment law. I look forward to working with the author to craft an appropriate legislative solution.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2325

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Assembly Bill 2325 would require the Department of Health Care Services to establish the CommuniCal program to certify and restructure current interpreter services provided under Medi-Cal, and afford certified interpreters collective bargaining rights.

Last year, I vetoed these same provisions because California had embarked on an unprecedented expansion of our Medi-Cal program and I did not believe it wise to introduce more complexity given the many unknowns the state was facing. Since then, our challenges have neither diminished in number or difficulty. We are still in the throes of managing new enrollments, new renewals and expanding provider networks.

In reconsidering this measure, however, it appears that this bill contains more liabilities than were previously known. The provisions governing collective bargaining go above and beyond what public employees enjoy and potentially create new scopes of representation and litigation.

To the extent that interpretation services under Medi-Cal are insufficient, we should work together on appropriate cost-effective initiatives to help patients in need. I'm weary at this time of adding significant new costs to the Medi-Cal program when already in the last two years Medi-Cal General Fund spending has grown almost \$2.5 billion.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2378

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2378 without my signature.

This bill provides that the right of certain fire and peace officers to a leave of absence for up to one year with full tax-free pay as a result of on-the-job disability would not offset or otherwise impinge on their right to up to 104 weeks of temporary disability benefits.

The bill provides a benefit increase for a limited class of employees. The special considerations supporting salary continuation for public safety employees do not correspondingly support the expectation that these employees will need substantially more time than other injured workers to recover from their injuries.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2415

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2415 without my signature.

This bill would regulate individuals who represent clients before county assessors.

The real property tax assessment system has worked relatively well over a long period of years. There has been some serious misconduct in a limited number of cases, but that doesn't lay the predicate for yet another registration program.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2465

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2465 without my signature.

Today, California faces unprecedented wildfires due to high fuel accumulations, climate change, and in the last three years, drought. There are many prevention activities that are needed to reduce the likelihood and the impacts of wildfires. Prescribed fires are a longstanding form of land management that can help reduce the intensity of wildfires and renew ecosystems.

As part of the State's Strategic Fire Plan, CAL FIRE recognizes prescribed fire as an important tool for land managers to use to improve their lands and to address the poor health of many of our forests.

Rather than creating an independent template as required by this bill, I am directing CAL FIRE to build further on their existing work and develop an Appendix to the State Fire Plan on prescribed fires for consideration by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. CAL FIRE will work in collaboration with the Air Resources Board, local air districts, academics, nongovernmental organizations, local governments, and tribes on recommended actions for enhancing the practice of prescribed burns.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2493

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2493 without my signature.

This bill permits successor agencies and housing successors of former redevelopment agencies to use proceeds derived from bonds issued between January 1, 2011, and June 28, 2011, if the project is consistent with a sustainable communities strategy or reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Expenditure of the bond proceeds would be subject to approval by the Department of Finance (DOF).

I applaud the author's efforts to craft legislation to target specific projects for funding from 2011 bond proceeds. Funding for this measure, however, would come at the expense of lost property tax dollars to cities and counties that chose not to incur debt during this period, as well as special districts and schools. The cost to the general fund to backfill schools could be significant, to the tune of \$500 million, at a time when the state is still recovering from deep recession.

I recognize that the cost to local governments to defease these high interest rate bonds is significant. Therefore, I am directing the Department of Finance to develop a plan to address the outstanding bond debt of these agencies.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2577

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2577 without my signature.

While I support funding mechanisms that would increase the availability of federal funds, this bill presents significant policy and implementation challenges at a time when the Department of Health Care Services is working at full capacity on several new and critical priorities integrating the Affordable Care Act into our health care system.

I will direct the department to continue conversations on this funding mechanism that reflects a more realistic time frame and is more workable for the department.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2616

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2616 without my signature.

This bill would create a first of its kind private employer workers' compensation presumption for a specific staph infection—methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)—for certain hospital employees.

California's no-fault system of workers' compensation insurance requires that claims must be "liberally construed" to extend benefits to injured workers whenever possible. The determination that an illness is work-related should be decided by the rules of that system and on the specific facts of each employee's situation. While I am aware that statutory presumptions have steadily expanded for certain public employees, I am not inclined to further this trend or to introduce it into the private sector.

Some have reported that hospitals have intimidated nurses from filing valid workers' compensation claims for a work-related MRSA infection. Any such conduct would be reprehensible. I am therefore directing the Department of Industrial Relations to investigate and take whatever action is needed.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2721

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2721 without my signature.

This bill adds an additional member to the California State University Board of Trustees.

Since the Board of Trustees was established in 1960, there have only been 4 additions to the Board. The last of these was the addition of the non-voting student member in 1999.

I am not persuaded that increasing the membership of the Board beyond 25 is necessary.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2723

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2723 without my signature.

This bill would require the economic analysis for major regulations to include a separate assessment of the impact on sole proprietorships and small businesses.

I signed legislation in 2011 to require a comprehensive economic analysis of proposed major regulations. The analysis must assess whether, and to what extent, the proposed regulations will affect *all* California jobs and businesses. Agencies must also identify alternatives that would lessen any adverse impact on small businesses.

I am not convinced that an additional layer of specificity based solely on the legal structure of a business would add value to the comprehensive economic analysis already required.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2756

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2756 without my signature.

This measure requires employees in county Assessor offices who decide change in ownership issues affecting the real property tax to receive state provided training and certification.

This is something the Assessors can and should be doing without a state mandate.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 29th day of September, 2014, at 5:58 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 2280, 2325, 2378, 2415, 2465, 2493, 2577, 2616, 2721, 2723, and 2756.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 47

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 47 without my signature.

This bill would establish a "Yellow Alert" notification system, which could be activated in response to a hit-and-run incident.

I have just signed SB 1127, to add developmentally disabled persons to the missing persons alert system. This expansion should be tested before adding more categories of individuals that could overload the system.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 913

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 913 without my signature.

Starting a charter school requires the strong commitment of dedicated individuals willing to serve on a governing board. While I support transparency, this bill goes further than simply addressing issues of potential conflicts of interest and goes too far in prescribing how these boards must operate.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1431

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1431 without my signature.

This bill modifies the contribution rules contained in the Political Reform Act, but only with respect to school administrators. I am not inclined to establish a separate set of rules that apply to one class of school employees.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1532

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1532 without my signature.

California has a very extensive set of criminal laws and penalties. This measure would create a new crime that includes a fine and penalty assessments up to \$4,231 and possible jail time of six months. I don't find sufficient justification for creating a new crime when no injury to person or property occurred. I think current law is adequate.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1574

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1574 without my signature.

Existing law appropriately limits the use of personal services contracts and provides safeguards against the misuse of public funds. The additional prohibitions in this bill would not address an identified problem, would limit the state's ability to make advance payments to community-based nonprofit groups, and could invite litigation challenging the validity of existing public contracts.

The bill also limits the ability of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to contract for residential and treatment programs and meet court-ordered population caps and other legal mandates.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1575

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1575 without my signature.

This bill requires contractors to file certain performance reports every three months for the life of the contract. Current law already gives state agencies the discretion to require any reports they deem necessary for personal services contracts.

I don't believe we should mandate additional paperwork without a clear benefit, which I don't find to be the case here.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1646

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1646 without my signature.

I certainly support taking reasonable steps to curb cell phone use and texting while driving, but I don't believe this bill is necessary at this time to achieve that goal.

I'm instructing the Department of Motor Vehicles to add a question about the dangers of using a communication device on the driver license exam. Additionally, the Department is beginning a review and analysis of data on distracted driving in California. Let's wait to see the results before enacting a law requiring a violation point.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1665

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1665 without my signature.

Earlier this year, the legislature conducted an oversight hearing that highlighted the need for the Bureau of Automotive Repair to update its regulations to better reflect changes in automotive technology that have occurred in recent decades. As a result, the legislature passed this bill to require businesses that change or repair tires for compensation to register as automotive repair dealers.

Before a new licensing scheme is enacted, a more comprehensive review is needed.

I am directing the Bureau to work with interested parties to determine which, if any, automotive repair services merit further regulation.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1672

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1866 and Assembly Bill 1672 without my signature.

Attorney General Kamala Harris has worked diligently at both the local and statewide level to reduce truancy and absenteeism in California schools, a goal I share. Her package of sponsored legislation aims to reduce rates of truancy and absenteeism.

AB 1866 would require school districts to collect and report a significant amount of new student attendance information through the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System. While well intentioned, the collection of data for the interest of faraway authorities would not get to the root of the issue—keeping kids in school and on track.

AB 1672 would place new data collection and reporting burdens on districts that have voluntarily established local School Attendance Review Boards. A broad group of local education leaders believe AB 1672 “is simply a new requirement that mandates large amounts of specific data collection, disaggregation, formatting and Internet posting.” I agree. Districts already have the ability to collect attendance and truancy data, and must address school attendance and chronic absenteeism under the Local Control Funding Formula.

The Local Control Funding Formula was created because local education agencies are the ones best suited to set goals and guidelines for their students. In the same vein, efforts to combat truancy are best exercised at the school level among teachers, principals and local school officials.

I encourage educators, parents and community members, through the Local Control and Accountability Plan process, to address school attendance issues. Keeping children in school and learning is a priority, but collecting more data is not the primary solution.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1716

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1716 without my signature.

Local governments are currently able to adopt a “permanent ban” if so desired. These decisions are best left where they can be carefully constructed to fit the needs of the local jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1728

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1728 without my signature.

The Levine Act was narrowly crafted to apply to local government entities whose membership includes individuals who are not elected directly by voters. Expanding the Act to one subset of special districts, namely water boards, would add more complexity without advancing the goals of the Political Reform Act.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1744

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1744 without my signature.

The bill would require the California Department of Aging to establish and support a 13-member blue ribbon task force on unpaid family caregiving, using only non-state funds from private sources.

The California State Plan on Aging, the California Plan for Alzheimer’s Disease, the significant reports and action plans developed by the 33 Area Agencies on Aging, the Alzheimer’s Association, the AARP and so many others have produced ample evidence for knowledgeable and caring people to recommend ways to improve support for family caregivers.

Establishing another task force in state law simply isn’t necessary.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1866

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1866 and Assembly Bill 1672 without my signature.

Attorney General Kamala Harris has worked diligently at both the local and statewide level to reduce truancy and absenteeism in California schools, a goal I share. Her package of sponsored legislation aims to reduce rates of truancy and absenteeism.

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posting.” I agree. Districts already have the ability to collect attendance and truancy data, and must address school attendance and chronic absenteeism under the Local Control Funding Formula.

The Local Control Funding Formula was created because local education agencies are the ones best suited to set goals and guidelines for their students. In the same vein, efforts to combat truancy are best exercised at the school level among teachers, principals and local school officials.

I encourage educators, parents and community members, through the Local Control and Accountability Plan process, to address school attendance issues. Keeping children in school and learning is a priority, but collecting more data is not the primary solution.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 30th day of September, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor’s signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 47, 913, 1431, 1532, 1574, 1575, 1646, 1665, 1672, 1716, 1728, 1744, and 1866.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1948

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1948 without my signature.

Current law provides guidance for counties to adopt qualifications for the office of county treasurer, tax collector or treasurer-tax collector. Many counties have adopted qualifications that best meet the needs of their local jurisdictions. I am not inclined to mandate standards that can be determined at the local level.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2032

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2032 without my signature.

If the State Personnel Board fails to issue a decision on a disciplinary appeal within six months, this bill requires the burden of proof to remain with the state employer if the employee pursues court action.

Last year, I signed AB 1062 that requires the Board to issue a decision within the six month timeframe. The law hasn’t even been in place a year. Let’s give it a little more time before making fundamental changes, as proposed by this bill.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2062

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2062 without my signature.

The bill would require that a health facility employ only surgical technologists with specified training and certification, with certain exceptions.

Two years ago, I vetoed a similar bill that sought "title protection" for certified surgical technologists in law. A new certification requirement, enforced by hospitals, could introduce an unnecessary barrier to employment.

Hospitals successfully employ many surgical technologists today. They should continue to do their utmost to ensure that everyone in an operating room is competent and qualified to do the job.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2126

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2126 without my signature.

This bill would amend the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act to provide that mediation in the collective bargaining process may be invoked by one party, rather than requiring both parties to mutually declare impasse and request mediation as required under current law. The bill would also specify that fact finding is not limited to disputes over a new memorandum of understanding but also applies when negotiations reach impasse over issues within the life of the contract.

This measure is premature because a key issue it raises is currently pending before two separate courts of appeal. I would like to get the benefit of the courts' reasoning before I take any action on a bill of this type.

I would note, however, based on my experience as Mayor of Oakland, that the negotiating process between labor and management under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act seems extraordinarily robust and extensive.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2155

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2155 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit mandatory overtime for nurses in state facilities. This measure covers matters more appropriately settled through the collective bargaining process.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2380

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2380 without my signature.

This bill would require that the specific actions of Local Control and Accountability Plans are consistent with, and reflective of, the goals and plans established by each schoolsite council.

Current law already requires Local Control and Accountability Plans and schoolsite council plans be aligned, which makes sense. Relying so specifically on schoolsite plans to determine district wide goals does not.

Hardly a month has passed since the Local Control and Accountability Plans were approved. It is not prudent or wise to alter the architecture of this process so soon.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2398

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2398 without my signature.

This measure adds a new moving violation to the Vehicle Code with fines and penalties up to \$1,361. I think the current laws are sufficient.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2520

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2520 without my signature.

AB 2520 requires the mental health evaluators appointed by the Board of Parole Hearings to consult directly with a prison inmate's primary mental health treatment clinician when considering parole suitability or mentally disordered offender status.

The Board's evaluators have access to the inmate's mental health treatment records and can directly consult with clinicians if needed.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2661

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2661 without my signature.

This bill would place undue restrictions on the appointment of qualified commissioners with relevant, real-world experience. It is also unnecessary in light of current law, which already prohibits officials from having a conflict of interest.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2673

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2673 without my signature.

The author intends to prohibit a victim of a hit-and-run accident from settling the case through civil remedies in lieu of prosecution. With trial courts facing severe backlogs, I am not inclined to eliminate a means for parties to settle their disputes outside the criminal court system.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2692

Governor’s Office, Sacramento
September 30, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2692 without my signature.

This bill would require a person who improperly benefits from the personal use of campaign funds to pay to the General Fund an amount equal to the personal benefit received in addition to any penalty imposed by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Current law provides for substantial penalties against this type of behavior. Each violation can result in a fine of \$5,000. I believe these fines are a sufficient deterrent.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 30th day of September, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor’s signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion:

Assembly Bills Nos. 1948, 2032, 2062, 2126, 2155, 2380, 2398, 2520, 2661, 2673, and 2692.

SUE PARKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Item Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1476

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 27, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1476 with the following reductions.

I am reducing the \$50,000,000 General Fund augmentation for deferred maintenance at the University of California. I am also reducing the \$50,000,000 General Fund augmentation for deferred maintenance at the California State University.

This year's budget would have provided \$200 million for critical deferred maintenance at University of California, California State University and other state facilities if property tax revenues exceeded budget estimates at the time of the second principal apportionment in July. Unfortunately, property tax revenues were below budget estimates and the additional \$200 million was not available for deferred maintenance this year.

Making investments to maintain the state's aging infrastructure continues to be a major priority for my administration, as is paying down the state's debts and reducing other long-term liabilities. However, we are nearly one quarter into the fiscal year now and we should not commit additional General Fund monies of this magnitude when we are facing unanticipated costs such as fighting the state's extreme wildfires.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Line Item Veto

I acknowledge receipt this 27th day of September, 2014, at 4:22 p.m., of the Governor's statement of the line item veto from Assembly Bill No. 1476 delivered to me personally by Rahwa Fessehatzion.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

The following messages from the Governor were received and ordered printed in the Journal:

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 357

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 17, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

The Department of Health Care Services has begun a comprehensive review of how it interacts with stakeholders and the many groups that currently meet.

I am signing Assembly Bill 357 so that the current advisory panel can continue to focus on children's issues in Medi-Cal, while the department conducts this review. Once the department proposes revisions to its stakeholder groups and processes, advocates should be open to possible changes in how children's issues are discussed.

The department is already soliciting ideas and comments to improve interaction with all interested parties. Advocates for this measure should participate in this process to help the department achieve its goal.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 1990

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 26, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1990 which allows gleaners and community food producers to engage in direct sales of produce to the public.

There is some concern that AB 1990 would inadvertently limit the existing paths for producers and gleaners to sell locally. This is not my intent. The language in this bill is clearly expansive, not restrictive.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 2363

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 26, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 2363, which requires the California Public Utilities Commission to develop a methodology for determining the wholesale and capacity costs associated with integrating each type of renewable resources. As California looks towards expanding our greenhouse gas reduction goals and relying more on renewable energy, it is important that we do so in a manner that maintains reliability and affordability.

Resources such as geothermal and biomass are important sources of energy generation for the State and provide great environmental and climate benefits.

This bill focuses on the procurements made by investor owned electrical corporations, but maximizing the benefits of geothermal and biomass will require the collaboration and procurement of this renewable generation by State and Federal Government agencies, and key public power agencies—Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Sacramento Municipal Utility District and Imperial Irrigation District.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 1594

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 28, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1594, which would prohibit, beginning January 1, 2020, local governments from receiving recycling credit for landfilling green material, such as yard clippings. Under this bill green material would be treated as disposal, but would not be charged the state's disposal fee.

While I agree with the policy, I am concerned that creating a fee-exempt form of disposal will undermine the fee reform efforts that the Department of Resources and Recycling is undertaking. I would encourage the Legislature and stakeholders to work with the Department to ensure that this law does not hamstring their efforts.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 1790

Governor's Office, Sacramento
September 29, 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1790 even though the Department of Social Services is quite capable of convening the types of meetings envisioned by the bill.

The problems that foster care children encounter are deep and serious. Finding a permanent home is a good outcome but not always a panacea, so appropriate collaboration by interested parties is always welcome.

While the bill is not needed, I trust that its enactment will stimulate greater attention to the problems of these youth by mental health professionals, their associations and the boards—namely, the Board of Psychology and the Board of Behavioral Sciences—that regulate them.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

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TONI G. ATKINS, Speaker

AMY LEACH, Minute Clerk

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