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# ASSEMBLY JOURNAL

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**INTERIM STUDY RECESS**

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Assembly Chamber, Sacramento  
Monday, October 14, 2013

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 Interim Study Recess.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

October 2, 2013

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

Dear Dotson: Please be advised that I have made changes to the following committees for the 2013–14 Regular Session:

***Budget***

I have removed Assemblymember Holly Mitchell from the Assembly Budget Committee, creating a Democratic vacancy.

***Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services***

I have removed Assemblymember Holly Mitchell as Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services, creating a vacancy.

***Budget Subcommittee No. 6 on Budget Process, Oversight and Program Evaluation***

I have removed Assemblymember Holly Mitchell from the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 6 on Budget Process, Oversight and Program Evaluation, creating a Democratic vacancy.

***Health***

I have removed Assemblymember Holly Mitchell from the Assembly Health Committee, creating a Democratic vacancy.

***Insurance***

I have removed Assemblymember Holly Mitchell from the Assembly Insurance Committee, creating a Democratic vacancy.

*Public Safety*

I have removed Assemblymember Holly Mitchell from the Assembly Public Safety Committee, creating a Democratic vacancy.

*Joint Legislative Budget*

I have removed Assemblymember Holly Mitchell from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, creating a Democratic vacancy.

*Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management*

I have removed Assemblymember Holly Mitchell from the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, creating a Democratic vacancy.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. PÉREZ  
Speaker of the Assembly

October 2, 2013

*E. Dotson Wilson*

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3196  
Sacramento, California*

RE: Reappointment of Patrick W. Henning, Sr., to  
High-Speed Rail Authority

Dear Mr. Wilson: Please be advised I have reappointed Mr. Patrick W. Henning, Sr., to the High-Speed Rail Authority. This is a term appointment starting December 31, 2013, and the expiration date is December 31, 2017.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. PÉREZ  
Speaker of the Assembly

October 2, 2013

*E. Dotson Wilson*

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3196  
Sacramento, California*

RE: Reappointment of Terrylene Sacchetti to  
Advisory Commission on Special Education

Dear Mr. Wilson: Please be advised I have reappointed Ms. Terrylene Sacchetti to the Advisory Commission on Special Education. This is a term appointment starting December 31, 2013, and the expiration date is December 31, 2017.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. PÉREZ  
Speaker of the Assembly

October 9, 2013

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

Dear Dotson: Please be advised that I have established the Select Committee on Justice Reinvestment for the 2013–14 Regular Session and have appointed the following membership:

Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, Co-Chair  
Assemblymember Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Co-Chair  
Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra  
Assemblymember Cheryl R. Brown  
Assemblymember Rocky J. Chávez  
Assemblymember Jeff Gorell  
Assemblymember Melissa A. Melendez  
Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi  
Assemblymember V. Manuel Pérez  
Assemblymember Nancy Skinner  
Assemblymember Mark Stone  
Assemblymember Marie Waldron  
Assemblymember Shirley N. Weber

Sincerely,

JOHN A. PÉREZ  
Speaker of the Assembly

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions, on Monday, November 4, 2013, at 10 a.m., in Claremont;

Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy, on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, in Riverside;

Public Safety, to convene jointly with the Senate Committee on Public Safety, on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at 1 p.m., in Room 4203;

Select Committee on Domestic Violence, on Monday, October 21, 2013, in Torrance;

Agriculture, on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 10 a.m., in Room 126;

Select Committee on California's High Technology, on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., at the Google complex in Mountain View;

Water, Parks and Wildlife, on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, in Coachella;

Water, Parks and Wildlife, on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, in Redding;

Water, Parks and Wildlife, on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, in Monterey.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following messages from the Governor were received and ordered printed in the Journal, and the bills ordered to the unfinished business file:

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 405**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
September 28, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 405 without my signature.

This bill limits the 24/7 carpool lane controls on about 13 miles of the 134 freeway in Los Angeles to the hours of heavy commuter traffic.

Carpool lanes are especially important in Los Angeles County to reduce pollution and maximize use of freeways. We should retain the current 24/7 carpool lane control.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 527**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
September 28, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 527 without my signature.

This bill requires various transparency and accountability actions of the Western Climate Initiative, Incorporated (WCI, Inc.), a multi-jurisdictional body providing services that support the State's Cap-and-Trade program. This bill is unnecessary as WCI, Inc already meets the open meeting, public records and auditing requirements of this bill.

In order to ensure continued transparency, I have signed SB 726 that will provide ongoing accountability without the risk of frivolous litigation presented by this measure.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 28th day of September, 2013, at 11:35 a.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. 405 and 527.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 374**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 1, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 374 without my signature.

This measure would reverse several appellate court decisions allowing judges, in eminent domain claims for loss in business goodwill, to decide facts before a jury decides on compensation. In this case, I think the appellate courts got it right. Judges are in the best position to decide whether businesses had goodwill to lose before proceeding to costly jury trials.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 1st day of October, 2013, at 3:55 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. 374.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 841**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 3, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 841 without my signature.

This bill would require a junk dealer or recycler to make payments for the purchase of metal materials only through checks mailed to the seller.

The theft of nonferrous metals has reached epidemic proportions not only in California, but across the United States. In an effort to combat this problem, I signed four bills last year to prevent more theft. Existing law requires that a seller wait three days before receiving payment for metal materials, a written record of the transaction, the name, driver's license number, license plate number, thumbprint of the seller, and a photograph or video of the seller and the material being sold. How much more do you need?

What's really missing today is robust enforcement of our laws. SB 485, which I have signed, shall help do that.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 909**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 3, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 909 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Justice to establish the Metal Theft Task Force Program to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to enforce metal theft and related recycling laws.

This bill creates a new enforcement effort without identifying a funding source. Today I signed SB 485, which does provide a funding source for greater enforcement within the existing infrastructure. More can certainly be done, but let's build on stable funding base.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 3rd day of October, 2013, at 12:40 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 Michael Mullaney: Assembly Bills Nos. 841 and 909.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 53**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 4, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 53 without my signature.

This bill requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO Biz) to prepare the California Economic Development Strategic Plan and a triennial report to the Legislature.

GO Biz is now implementing the state's new economic development initiative that Speaker Pérez helped make possible earlier this year. In addition, thanks to legislation authored by Speaker Pérez, GO Biz is expanding direct foreign investment, promoting export of California products, removing unnecessary government barriers for businesses, and helping large and small businesses innovate, grow, and prosper in California. For all these reasons, I don't think a study and report will bring any additional focus to our efforts.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 285**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 4, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 285 without my signature.

This bill, like SB 118, deals with the California Workforce Investment Board and various aspects of job training. Unlike SB 118, it is overly prescriptive in the way it directs the Board to provide technical assistance for entrepreneurial training and to make recommendations. I believe this unduly infringes on the Board's authority and discretion.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 4th day of October, 2013, at 2:55 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. 53 and 285.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 340**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 5, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 340 without my signature.

This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a program to encourage the use of women, people of color and disabled veteran-owned businesses for projects funded by the Electric Program Investment Charge.

This bill inadvertently contains language that would jeopardize critical renewable programs funded by this charge.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 683**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 5, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 683 without my signature.

This bill is similar to legislation I vetoed in the previous legislative session. While the state's housing situation has improved, this bill could hamper efforts on the part of distressed homeowners to refinance or sell their property. While the bill requires additional outreach to a homeowner before a lien is recorded, there is no limit on the accrual of fines until that time. Abating the ordinance violation should be the primary goal and there is already an existing process for locals to recover their costs.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 714**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 5, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 714 without my signature.

While the measure strives to do only good—namely advance research and cures for spinal cord injury—appropriating yet more state General Fund dollars to the University of California for a select purpose is not the answer.

After several years of painful cuts, last January, I proposed substantial budget increases for the University of California (\$511 million over four years) with maximum flexibility for their funding, so long as they did not increase tuition. The 2013 Budget Act provided the first portion of that increased investment.

Research is a core mission of the University of California. As such, it is entirely within the university system's discretion to fund the Spinal Cord Research Program, or any other project it deems of value. For that reason, I have consistently chosen not to support special earmarks in the University of California's budget and leave it to the university—as deeply steeped in innovation and research as it is—to make funding decisions like this.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 912**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 5, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 912 without my signature.

The bill requires health plans and insurers to cover fertility preservation services when a medical treatment may cause infertility. This requirement would apply only to health coverage purchased by large employers.

Large group employers already have the ability to negotiate richer benefit packages that meet the needs of their employees. While I understand the desire to preserve fertility where possible, such coverage was not included in the essential health benefits that the Legislature passed just last year for individual and small group coverage.

Coverage that goes beyond the essential health benefits is no doubt useful and desirable for many, but we should not consider mandating additional benefits until we implement the comprehensive package of reforms that are required by the federal Affordable Care Act.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.



**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 5th day of October, 2013, at 11:35 a.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. 340, 683, 714, and 912.

E. DOTSON WILSON  
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 571**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 7, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 571 without my signature.

This bill would appropriate \$5 million annually from the General Fund to the Department of Food and Agriculture to support research and programs to combat citrus disease and vectors in California.

While I am acutely aware of the devastating effects of the Asian citrus psyllid and its vector Huanglongbing, this program has mostly been funded by the citrus industry and the federal government. If the current support is inadequate, let's review our options during the budget process.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1200**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 7, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1200 without my signature.

This bill would allow the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board to authorize voluntary pilot projects to investigate the effects of overflow from agricultural ponds containing tertiary treated recycled water into the San Pablo Bay.

Instead of spending time on a multi-year pilot project to justify a permit process that does not require it, let's focus on getting more irrigators to use recycled water.

I have asked the State Water Board and the Regional Board to work with the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District to take the necessary steps to issue a permit that would allow the discharge of treated recycled water from agricultural ponds no later than August 2014. This permit should facilitate the use of recycled water for agricultural irrigation.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1235**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 7, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1235 without my signature.

This bill imposes financial management training requirements on elected city, county and special district officials at potentially significant costs to the state. I believe local governments can impose appropriate financial management training without the aid of the State General Fund.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1401**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 7, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1401 without my signature.

Jury service, like voting, is quintessentially a prerogative and responsibility of citizenship. This bill would permit lawful permanent residents who are not citizens to serve on a jury. I don't think that's right.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 7th day of October, 2013, at 12:12 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. 571, 1200, 1235, and 1401.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 411**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 8, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 411 without my signature.

Nothing in current law prevents the Department of Health Care Services from requiring its external quality review organization to provide more detailed data by geography, race, ethnicity, or other demographic attribute.

If the department sees a need or benefit that justifies the costs of procuring this additional data, I am confident that they will procure it.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

## Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 8th day of October, 2013, at 12:07 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. 411.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Item Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 240**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 8, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am signing Assembly Bill 240 but reducing the amount appropriated from Proposition 84 funds.

The author notes that much progress has been made in Maywood by the mutual water companies that serve the community and its partners, including the Water Replenishment District.

For these reasons I am reducing the appropriation from \$7,500,000 to \$1,000,000. In addition to this bill's appropriation, I also signed AB 115 that will allow the public agencies to apply on behalf of other public water systems for the benefit of the communities. The Replenishment District will have the ability to continue to partner with the companies through the existing competitive process.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

## Receipt of Line Item Veto

I acknowledge receipt this 8th day of October at 11:42 a.m., of the following Governor's statement of the line item veto from Assembly Bill No. 240 delivered to me personally by Michael Mullaney.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 50**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 9, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

Assembly Bill 50 would provide “full-scope” health care coverage for pregnant women between 60 and 100 percent of federal poverty level, during the first and second trimesters of pregnancy, if they otherwise meet Medi-Cal eligibility requirements. Currently, pregnant women in this and higher income groups (up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level), receive all medically necessary services related to their pregnancy.

While I support this policy, I can't support this bill.

Through the 2013 Budget Act and AB 1 and SB 1 in this year's special session, we enacted a historic expansion of our state's Medi-Cal program. Many trade-offs were made in determining our ultimate policy direction. Expanding coverage options for pregnant women, however, remained unresolved.

Rather than enacting a piecemeal change, further discussion should take place on the entire category of pregnancy-only coverage, not just women between 60–100 percent of the federal poverty level.

The development of the 2014–15 budget is underway. I am directing the Department of Health Care Services to work on a more complete proposal for January.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 174**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 9, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

Assembly Bill 174 aims to establish a pilot program in Alameda County, using non-state funds to provide school-based mental health services for students impacted by trauma.

I support the efforts of the bill but am returning it without my signature, as Alameda County can establish such a program without state intervention and may even be able to use Mental Health Services Act funding to do so.

Waiting for the state to act may cause unnecessary delays in delivering valuable mental health services to students. All counties—not just Alameda—should explore potential funding options, including Mental Health Services Act funds, to tailor programs that best meet local needs.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 477**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 9, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

Assembly Bill 477 would add notaries public to the list of professionals mandated to report suspected financial abuse of elder and dependent adults.

I am not convinced that notaries, with their very limited interactions, should be placed in the position of being a mandated reporter. Others who are expressly mandated by law to report abuse typically have some level of relationship or more regular contact with the elder or dependent adult, or have some level of training in identifying abuse. For mandated reporting of financial abuse, officers and employees of financial institutions are required to report based on their access to financial information.

Notaries generally have no more than fleeting contact with individuals who request their services. If some transaction or situation should arise that gives them pause or appears suspect, notaries may already make a report without this law.

I believe that voluntary education and outreach efforts to notaries about financial abuse would better suit this class of professionals.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 888**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 9, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 888 without my signature.

This bill allows the State Bar to bring a civil action for the unlawful practice of law.

We already have adequate enforcement mechanisms and remedies to stop the unlicensed practice of law through the existing powers of the State Bar or through the authority of the Attorney General and local prosecutors to bring civil and criminal actions.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1231**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 9, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1231 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Developmental Services to inform regional centers that any appropriate health care service, including dentistry, may be provided through telehealth. The bill would additionally require the department to ask regional centers to consider using telehealth in their parent training programs and provide technical assistance on telehealth.

Everything required by this bill either can be done, or is already being done, under existing law.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 9th day of October, 2013, at 12:10 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. 50, 174, 477, 888, and 1231.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 300**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 10, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 300 without my signature.

This bill would establish an additional system for collecting and remitting fees, surcharges and taxes applicable to prepaid mobile services. These charges would be collected from prepaid customers and remitted to the Board of Equalization, while fees collected from postpaid customers would continue to be remitted directly to the Public Utilities Commission, State 911 Fund and local governments.

There is no question that the state needs an effective system for capturing local taxes related to the sale of prepaid phones. The solution, however, proposed by this bill is duplicative, complex and will result in significant and unnecessary costs to the state.

I encourage the author to partner with the local governments and State Agencies affected by these revenues and craft a bill with a more cost effective solution.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 375**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 10, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 375 without my signature.

The goal of this bill is to simplify the process for hearing and deciding teacher dismissal cases. I have listened at great length to arguments both for and against this measure. While I agree that it makes worthwhile adjustments to the dismissal process, such as lifting the summer moratorium on the filing of charges and eliminating some opportunities for delay, other changes make the process too rigid and could create new problems.

I am particularly concerned that limiting the number of depositions to five per side, regardless of the circumstances, and restricting a district's ability to amend charges even if new evidence comes to light, may do more harm than good.

I share the authors' desire to streamline the teacher discipline process, but this bill is an imperfect solution. I encourage the Legislature to continue working with stakeholders to identify changes that are balanced and reduce procedural complexities.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 622**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 10, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 622 without my signature.

Local school districts have been authorizing charters schools for over 20 years through proceedings that are both noticed and public. The new requirements contained in this bill would not, in my opinion, improve the current chartering process.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 704**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 10, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

Assembly Bill 704 would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority to adopt regulations to accept U.S. military experience and training toward the qualifications and prerequisites for emergency medical technician and paramedic certifications.

Current regulations already allow most military experience and training to count; and where there may be a discrepancy, the regulations allow an individual to petition they be accepted, or complete additional courses or training prior to testing for certification.

I strongly support efforts to adapt the skills and training veterans have acquired in the military to a civilian environment. Rather than signing this bill, however, I will direct the Emergency Medical Services Authority to act within its administrative authority to clarify the process for making prior experience count, without the cumbersome or overlong process that regulations would entail.

This will ensure that all veterans have the information they need—sooner rather than later—to apply proper credit for their military experience toward their desired certifications.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1287**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 10, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1287 without my signature.

This bill expands Cal Grant eligibility by allowing students who no longer meet financial eligibility requirements to put their Cal Grant award on reserve status until they become eligible. This change results in a costly expansion of the program.

While I agree that the current Cal Grant program is not perfect, I am not convinced that AB 1287 is the right solution. I remain committed to helping students succeed and see merit in reviewing the current policy. However, I am reluctant to commit limited state resources to expand the Cal Grant program in this way.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.



**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1409**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 10, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1409 without my signature.

Currently, the Public Utilities Commission has an open proceeding to revise the California Lifeline Program to authorize non-traditional carriers to participate in the program and receive reimbursement for services provided to customers from the lifeline fund.

The last minute amendments included in this bill would legislatively preempt the outcome of this proceeding that has taken public comment from hundreds of California citizens. While I am sensitive to the concerns of some in the cable industry about the length of time this process has taken, I prefer to give that public process a chance to be completed before I decide whether legislation of this type is needed.

One final note; I urge the Public Utilities Commission to meet with the cable industry to explore ways it can participation in the Lifeline Program with some reasonable level of oversight.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 10th day of October, 2013, at 12:45 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. 300, 375, 622, 704, 1287, and 1409.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 12**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 12 without my signature.

Two years ago, I signed legislation that significantly revised the regulatory review process. As a result, beginning this November the Department of Finance will review the economic impact of regulations *before* they are published. The annual review proposed by this bill would duplicate those efforts.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 169**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 169 without my signature.

Current law restricts the sale of so-called "off roster" handguns— with several exemptions. Exemptions include sales between private parties and sales of single-shot handguns. Current law also prohibits the sale of more than five handguns per year, whether off-roster or not, except by a licensed firearms dealer.

AB 169 would close a loophole in the single-shot exemption. That makes sense.

The bill would also restrict private party off-roster sales to two per year. I do not support restricting sales in this way without evidence that such restrictions would improve public safety.

I will work with the Bureau of Firearms in the Department of Justice to ensure better tracking and enforcement to prevent individuals from violating the existing five-per-year limit.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 180**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 180 without my signature.

The State of California has among the strictest gun laws in the country. Allowing individual cities to enact their own more restrictive firearms regulations will sow confusion and uncertainty.

I am mindful of the challenges the City of Oakland faces in addressing gun violence, but this is not the right solution.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 199**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 199 without my signature.

This bill would require the state to implement a preference for agricultural products grown in California and offered by a California company. This preference would be difficult to comply with and quite onerous. Every purchase, even a single bag of apples, would be affected.

I strongly support California's agricultural industry and encourage all state-run institutions to support local farmers and businesses. In fact, state growers and processors have no trouble competing for—and winning—the state's business. Today, approximately half of all food the Department of General Services purchases for state institutions comes from California, without a preference or a mandate.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 729**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 729 without my signature.

This bill would establish an evidentiary privilege to prohibit the disclosure of confidential communications between represented employees and their union agents.

I don't believe it is appropriate to put communications with a union agent on equal footing with communications with one's spouse, priest, physician or attorney. Moreover, this bill could compromise the ability of employers to conduct investigations into workplace safety, harassment and other allegations.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1208**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1208 without my signature.

AB 1208 would mandate that the single, standardized application for health insurance affordability programs include questions related to race, ethnicity, primary language, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, so that applicants can voluntarily report this information beginning in 2015.

We don't need to mandate these requirements in law. The Department of Health Care Services and Covered California already have the authority to modify these types of questions on the form, and they can work constructively with stakeholders to decide what is necessary to change for 2015 and beyond.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1290**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1290 without my signature.

This bill adds two voting members to the 11 voting-member California Transportation Commission (Commission) and requires additional reporting on regional planning issues.

The author's intent for this bill is to ensure the state's transportation planning policy focuses on air quality and land use issues. The Governor's Reorganization Plan that went into effect July 1 of this year requires the Department of Transportation, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Commission to coordinate housing and transportation policies and programs. I think these changes will fully satisfy the author's objectives for this bill.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 11th day of October, 2013, at 12:20 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. 12, 169, 180, 199, 729, 1208, and 1290.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Item Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1042**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am signing Assembly Bill 1042 but reducing the amount appropriated from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund as noted below.

I am committed to providing support to local government agencies impacted by gaming but I continue to have serious concerns about the long-term solvency of the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. There is a structural imbalance which needs to be addressed.

I have made a concerted effort to negotiate compacts which will begin to address the problem. Opposition, however to two recently negotiated compacts has prevented the revenue which would have been generated to benefit this special fund. This has led to a potential shortfall and subsequent pressure on the General Fund.

For these reasons I am reducing the appropriation from \$13,000,000 to \$9,100,000.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

Receipt of Line Item Veto

I acknowledge receipt this 11th day of October at 12:20 p.m., of the Governor's statement of the line item veto from Assembly Bill No. 1042 delivered to me personally by Michael Mullaney.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 822**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 12, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 822 without my signature.

By requiring that a governing body provide an actuarial analysis and hold a public hearing for every pension-related measure that qualifies for the ballot, this bill imposes another mandate on local governments.

If a local governing body believes that an in depth fiscal analysis of a measure is needed, they can provide one—without the state telling them to do so.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 857**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 12, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 857 without my signature.

The initiative process is far from perfect and monied interests have historically manipulated it at will. Nevertheless, fixing the system is not easy.

Requiring a specific threshold of signatures to be gathered by volunteers will not stop abuses by narrow special interests—particularly if “volunteer” is defined with the broad exemptions as in this bill.

Efforts to make the system fairer and more reflective of sound government should be considered. But this measure falls short of returning to the citizen-driven system originally envisioned in 1911.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 917**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 12, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 917 without my signature.

This bill would impose additional requirements for establishing or converting to a charter school.

This bill is almost identical to AB 86, that I vetoed in 2011.

I continue to believe the existing process is tough enough.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 921**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 12, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 921 without my signature.

Among its provisions, the bill would allow any social worker to comment on any child welfare services policy, procedure and practice, or any publicly released child fatality case, with impunity.

While this bill has the best of intentions, it overreaches. The judgment of social workers should be valued, but we don't need a law to protect their opinions, and theirs alone. Social workers, like other public or private employees, already have “whistleblower” protections for illegal acts they report. Specific county policies and practices that are legal but problematic should be resolved at the county level, or through legislation as a last resort, when counties cannot do it on their own.

Social workers, the state and counties all have a duty to protect children who are abused and neglected. We should all work together in good faith to that end.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 999**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 12, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 999 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop a plan to expand the availability of condoms to all California prisons.

The Department currently allows family visitors to bring condoms for the purpose of the family overnight visitation program. While expansion of the program may be warranted, the Department should evaluate and implement this expansion carefully and within its existing authority.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1127**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 12, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1127 without my signature.

This bill requires the Judicial Council to establish a working group to develop what are being termed "best practices" for providing interpreters in civil court proceedings and further to conduct a pilot project to implement those practices.

The Judicial Council already has authority to establish a pilot project and has two excellent advisory committees working to develop a language access plan for our courts.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1128**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 12, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1128 without my signature.

This bill would allow a felony to be charged if a person knowingly provides alcohol to an underage drinker, whose alcohol consumption thereafter causes injury or death.

The behavior targeted by this bill is already a misdemeanor and I am not convinced it should be made into a felony.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

## Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 12th day of October, 2013, at 12:15 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 Michael Mullaney: Assembly Bills Nos. 822, 857, 917, 921, 999, 1127, and 1128.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 302**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 302 without my signature.

This measure seeks to codify a definition of the term 'de minimus' for purposes of what level of public subsidy triggers prevailing wage requirements on an otherwise private project.

Longstanding practice has been to view the subsidy in context of the project and use 2% as a general threshold for determinations. By codifying a standard that establishes 'de minimus' as less than 1% and less than \$25,000 few, if any, projects receiving public subsidies will be found to be exempt from prevailing wage requirements.

While I remain a staunch supporter of prevailing wages and the associated quality work and good paying jobs, I am concerned that this measure is too restrictive. Finally, there has been no showing that the current practice is unreasonable.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 454**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 454 without my signature.

I agree disability payments should be determined based on the lawful wages paid, or that should have been paid, to an injured worker. I am not convinced that this is not the existing practice. Further, requiring a claims administrator to make prevailing wage determinations as this measure proposes is a bad idea.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 564**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 564 without my signature.

This bill makes policy changes that are contrary to the letter and intent of current law. These changes would severely limit the state's ability to ensure that Successor Agencies fulfill their obligation to wind down redevelopment affairs in an expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 566**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 566 without my signature.

I agree with the author that decisions to change the way court services are provided should be carefully evaluated to ensure they are both fair and cost-effective. However, this measure goes too far. It requires California's courts to meet overly detailed and—in some cases—nearly impossible requirements when entering into or renewing certain contracts. Other provisions are unclear and will lead to confusion about what services may or may not be subject to this measure.

The courts, like many of our governmental agencies, are under tremendous funding pressure and face the challenge of doing their work at a lower cost. I am unwilling to restrict the flexibility of our courts, as specified in this bill, as they face these challenges.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.



**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 662**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 662 without my signature.

This measure would provide flexibility to cities and successor agencies around the state currently winding down their redevelopment affairs. More importantly, this bill would authorize cities to create Infrastructure Financing Districts within the boundaries of former redevelopment project areas, as well as provide additional property taxes for administrative costs to the local housing authorities currently managing stranded housing assets. Unfortunately, as currently written, the language to authorize new or amended contracts to existing enforceable obligations could result in unintended costs to the General Fund.

I applaud the author for her efforts to improve the dissolution process. Therefore, I am directing my administration to work with the author's office to make changes to the bill's language in a manner that avoids those costs. When these changes are made, I look forward to seeing the measure return to my desk for signature.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 855**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 855 without my signature.

This bill seeks to remedy the rare circumstance when the state misapplies the absent without leave statute, forcing both the state and the employee to go to court to resolve the dispute. In these cases, both the state and the employee incur both delay and significant expenses. This does not make sense.

I am directing the Government Operations Agency and CalHR, as well as all of my department heads, to reinstate an employee in the limited instances when the state has improperly dismissed that employee under Government Code 19996.2, and there are no other grounds for dismissal. CalHR should develop any required administrative or regulatory changes necessary to effectuate this change.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 994**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 994 without my signature.

This bill requires every prosecuting agency to establish a post-plea misdemeanor diversion program.

Counties can establish diversion programs under current law, and many already have excellent diversion programs that suit their local circumstances. I believe prosecutors and counties are best situated to decide whether, or what kind of, a diversion program would be appropriate.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1113**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1113 without my signature.

This measure expands restrictions on teenage drivers based on time of day and age.

Current law requires a teen to first obtain an instructional permit beginning at age 15½ for six months, followed by a provisional driver license for 12 months. A driver with a provisional license is prohibited both from transporting someone under the age of 20 and from driving between the hours of 11 PM and 5 AM. The statistics indicate that these restrictions have been effective in saving lives.

I understand and agree with the need to address factors that contribute to the unnecessary accidents and deaths of young Californians on our highways, and commend Assemblyman Frazier for his efforts.

Rather than imposing yet even more restrictions on a teenager's driving privilege, I am directing the Department of Motor Vehicles, California Highway Patrol, and Office of Traffic Safety to implement a teen driver training and education program to improve transportation safety for provisional drivers.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1140**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1140 without my signature.

This measure requires contractors on public works projects to increase workers' pay any time the state updates its prevailing wage rates. This is intended to address the circumstance where a non-union contractor is not required to adjust wages mid-project but a union contractor is subject to such adjustments pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

In most cases, projects are bid, awarded and completed in a relatively short period of time and this measure would have little, if any impact. Larger, long term projects are the more likely setting for the union/non-union wage differential this bill seeks to address. Unfortunately, introducing such wage adjustments as proposed by this measure is likely to lead to uncertainty in the cost of public works projects and increase costs ultimately borne by the taxpayers.

Finally, many collective bargaining agreements already address this limited circumstance by allowing wage rates to remain at the level determined by the state at the time of the bid, award or start of the contract. Given this, I do not find a statutory change warranted to address the issue raised by this measure.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1165**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1165 without my signature.

I share the author's concern that workplace safety risks need to be abated quickly and not delayed during the appeals process.

Unfortunately, this measure would require the creation of a separate hearing process at the Division of Occupational Safety and Health—duplicating an expedited Cal/OSHA Appeals Board process which was recently adopted.

I am directing Cal/OSHA to consult with the author to make sure the Appeals Board process is working as intended and, if necessary, to recommend any additional administrative or regulatory actions that may be needed.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1229**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1229 without my signature.

This bill would supersede the holding of *Palmer v. City of Los Angeles* and allow local governments to require inclusionary housing in new residential development projects.

As Mayor of Oakland, I saw how difficult it can be to attract development to low and middle income communities. Requiring developers to include below-market units in their projects can exacerbate these challenges, even while not meaningfully increasing the amount of affordable housing in a given community.

The California Supreme Court is currently considering when a city may insist on inclusionary housing in new developments. I would like the benefit of the Supreme Court's thinking before we make adjustments in this area.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1263**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1263 without my signature.

The bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to establish the CommuniCal program to certify and restructure current interpreter services provided under Medi-Cal.

California has embarked on an unprecedented expansion to add more than a million people to our Medi-Cal program. Given the challenges and the many unknowns the state faces in this endeavor, I don't believe it would be wise to introduce yet another complex element.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1373**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill 1373 without my signature.

This measure is identical to the one I vetoed last year.

At that time, I outlined the information needed to properly evaluate the implications of this bill. I have not yet received that information.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

### Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 13th day of October, 2013, at 5:20 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. 302, 454, 564, 566, 662, 855, 994, 1113, 1140, 1165, 1229, 1263, and 1373.

SUE PARKER

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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

### Signing Messages

#### **Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 327**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 7, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am signing Assembly Bill 327.

This comprehensive rate reform legislation provides the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) with the necessary authority to address current electricity rate inequities, protect low-income energy users and maintain robust incentives for renewable energy investments.

Specifically, the bill gives the CPUC the authority to craft a new electricity rate structure while increasing statutory discounts for qualified low-income customers. It also requires the electric utilities to develop distribution infrastructure plans to ensure that ratepayer dollars are being utilized in the most efficient way possible. Finally, the bill makes it clear that California's 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard is a floor, not a ceiling.

As the CPUC considers rules regarding grandfathering of net metering customers, I expect the Commission to ensure that customers who took service under net metering prior to reaching the statutory net metering cap on or before July 1, 2017, are protected under those rules for the expected life of their systems.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 576**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 7, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am signing Assembly Bill 576.

This bill creates the Revenue Recovery and Collaborative Enforcement Team charged with combatting the underground economy. Reducing this problem is already the focus of two other interdepartmental teams.

I am signing AB 576 today, but because it does not state specific responsibilities for who will head the team and be responsible for its work, I am instructing the Department of Industrial Relations to take the lead. The Department will ensure that the three teams work together and avoid any overlap of efforts.

I also want the Department to make recommendations to me on ways to improve our effectiveness in attacking the underground economy.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 219**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
October 9, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

Last year, in vetoing AB 1000, a bill that sought to provide cost-sharing parity between oral and intravenous anticancer medications, I directed my Department of Managed Health Care to work with the author to find alternative approaches to alleviating the high cost of these drugs for patients.

AB 219 achieves this by limiting co-payments or co-insurance to no more than \$200 for a 30-day supply of an oral anticancer drug. This provides good value for patients of modest means.

This policy, however, is not without the potential for unintended consequences. Higher drug prices, higher premium costs, and an expectation that our state laws can solve each pricing problem that arises—these cannot be the outcome of our good intentions.

Placing a price cap for a specific class of drugs for a specific class of diseases may not be a policy for the ages. This bill, with a sunset, permits us to examine what effects—intentional or unintended—this bill may have before we embrace it for the longer term.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 955**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 10, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am signing AB 955 which establishes a voluntary pilot program allowing a handful of California community colleges to offer high demand courses during the summer and winter intersessions. This seems like a reasonable experiment.

Why deny these campuses the opportunity to offer students access and financial assistance to courses not otherwise available?

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 628**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am signing Assembly Bill 628.

This bill authorizes harbor and port districts to develop energy management plans that at a minimum include measures developed jointly with an electrical corporation, gas corporations, community choice aggregators, or a publicly-owned electric or gas utility.

In order for these plans to be truly comprehensive in reducing air emissions, enhancing energy efficiency, and promoting economic development, the ports should consult with all public and private partners including independent energy providers, demand response companies, and distributed generation companies.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 711**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am signing Assembly Bill 711.

This bill would prohibit the use of lead ammunition when taking wildlife with a firearm. It would also require the Fish and Game Commission to promulgate regulations by July 1, 2015 that phase in these requirements no later than July 1, 2019.

Lead poses a danger to wildlife. This danger has been known for a long time—in 1894 one of the founders of the wildlife conservation movement in America, George Bird Grinnell, wrote about lead poisoning in *Forest and Stream*, a precursor to today's *Field and Stream* magazine, and there is much published scientific literature from the 1950s on regarding this danger. In 1991, the US Fish and Wildlife Service banned lead in waterfowl hunting across the nation. Since 2007, California has prohibited it in the eight counties within the condor range. In fact, at least thirty other states regulate lead ammunition in some manner.

I am concerned, however, the impression left from this bill is that hunters and sportsmen and women in California are not conservationists. I know that is not the case. Hunters and anglers are the original conservationists. Since the 1930s, hunters have done more than any other community to conserve species and their habitats, and that is a lasting conservation legacy.

I am able to sign this bill because of amendments made to it that better protect the hunting community. The bill in its original form did not contain any such protections. Even though alternatives to lead ammunition exist today, it is notable that the bill took the extra precaution to authorize the Director of Fish and Wildlife to suspend the statewide ban on lead ammunition in the event that the federal government prohibits nonlead ammunition because it is considered armor piercing.

In addition, the bill: (a) allows an additional year for the California Fish and Game Commission to promulgate an implementing rule; (b) pushes back the date for full ban almost five years to July 2019 so that hunters have more time to transition; (c) requires adoption of already approved nontoxic shotgun ammunition; and, (d) permits trace amounts of lead in certified nonlead ammunition to avoid enforcement and compliance concerns.

I am directing the Department to work tirelessly with the Commission and its constituents to consider and act on any and all options for facilitating the least disruptive phase-in, including incentives for hunters to make this transition.

The risks to California's incredibly diverse wildlife are many. We must manage our state's wildlife for the use and enjoyment of all Californians. It is time to begin this transition and provide hunters with ammunition that will allow them to continue the conservation heritage of California.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.



**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 1213**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 11, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

I am signing Assembly Bill 1213.

This bill would prohibit commercial trapping of bobcats in areas adjacent to national and state parks, national monuments, or wildlife refuges in which trapping is currently prohibited. It would also require the Fish and Game Commission to consider whether to prohibit the trapping of bobcats in land adjacent to preserves, state conservancies, and any other public or private conservation area identified by the public for protection.

In order to ensure appropriate implementation of this Act, I am asking the Legislature to work with my Department to secure funding to survey our bobcat population. Based on this work, the Department and the Commission should consider setting population thresholds and bobcat trapping tag limitations in its upcoming rulemaking.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

**Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 1217**

Governor's Office, Sacramento

October 13, 2013

*To the Members of the California State Assembly:*

Assembly Bill 1217 would create a regulatory framework for the private homecare industry and home care aides.

Last year, I vetoed a more expansive bill, because I did not think that the time was right to create costly new regulatory burdens, given the economic uncertainty for many businesses and families in the homecare world.

I am signing AB 1217 because it strikes a better balance between consumer protection and industry regulation, and because the author's office and legislative leadership have committed to delay the bill's effective date by one year to January 1, 2016.

The delay, coupled with other clarifying changes, will give the Department of Social Services enough time to accomplish what the bill seeks to achieve, and ultimately provide for smoother implementation of these good consumer protections.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

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JOHN A. PÉREZ, Speaker

AMY LEACH, Minute Clerk

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