



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 362 without my signature.

This bill authorizes the Department of General Services to engage in a demonstration project to use sustainable practices which may include but are not limited to, the use of "process free printing plates."

I support efforts to reduce the water, chemical, and energy use associated with printing, however, the Department currently has sufficient authority to explore new methods of achieving such reductions without this legislation. In fact, the Office of State Publishing is currently prioritizing the procurement and use of new printing technologies that lessen environmental impacts, and continues to seek new methods of conserving water, energy, and paper. A new law authorizing an optional demonstration project is simply unnecessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.