



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1188 without my signature.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife's wildlife areas are a vast network of public lands that provide hunting, fishing and refuge for wildlife. Payments in lieu of taxes keep rural counties whole so that the Department can maintain and acquire wildlife areas for the public's benefit.

Last year, after twelve years of departure, I included these payments as part of the State's base budget, and I will continue to do so.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.