



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 229 without my signature.

This bill appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund for 12 new superior court judgeships and accompanying staff.

I am aware that the need for judges in many courts is acute – Riverside and San Bernardino are two clear examples. However, before funding any new positions, I intend to work with the Judicial Council to develop a more systemwide approach to balance the workload and the distribution of judgeships around the state.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.