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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

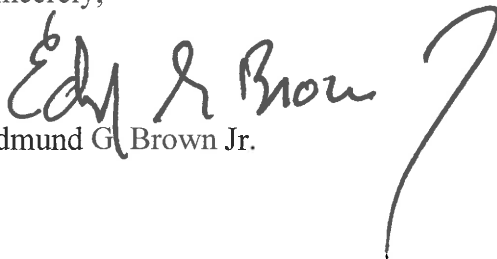
I am returning Assembly Bill 1347 without my signature.

This bill creates, for three years, a new dispute resolution process under which contractors could seek public agency review of claims that arise during public works projects.

Contractors who perform work for public agencies should be paid promptly. Swift resolution of payment disputes is in the best interest of contractors, workers, and the public agencies that are charged with efficiently managing taxpayer funds. I'm not convinced, however, that the procedures contemplated by this bill are an improvement over current law.

I am committed, however, to ensuring timely payment for work ordered by public agencies. In the interest of furthering that goal I am directing my departments to immediately work with industry partners and the proponents of this bill on ways of improving our prompt payment policies.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.