



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1620 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Commission to evaluate and improve upon the state's emergency preparedness, management, and disaster recovery capabilities.

In 2012, I released the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 2, which transferred the responsibilities of the California Emergency Management Agency to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and eliminated the California Emergency Council to better streamline governmental operations. This bill seeks to reinstate that council as a new commission, which is contrary to the goal of the Reorganization Plan, and would duplicate systems and efforts already in place.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.