

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1625 without my signature.

This bill would establish a fund to assist persons who are transitioning conventional farms to certified organic farms, by subsidizing their organic certification costs not to exceed \$250 per farm or \$1000 per person.

I would prefer to see a nongovernmental entity take the lead in this matter, especially given our current fiscal uncertainties.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.