



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1657 without my signature.

This bill adds a \$1 assessment to the cost of a moving violation ticket to fund the Roman Reed Program for spinal cord injury at the University of California.

Spinal cord injury research is certainly worthwhile, but the funding method chosen is not. Loading more and more costs on traffic tickets has been too easy a source of new revenue. Fines should be based on what is reasonable punishment, not on paying for more general fund activities.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.