



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1877 without my signature.

The bill would create the California Vision Care Access Council as a new public entity charged with operating a Web site that allows consumers to compare information about vision plans that meet the Council's requirements. The bill would also require Covered California's board to run the Council's operations, and use the board's staff and resources to conduct the activities of the Council, if permitted by federal law.

Creating a new state bureaucracy to inform consumers about vision plans isn't necessary, nor is it advisable to divert Covered California's focus with a new scheme, the governance of which may be impermissible under federal rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.