



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1968 without my signature.

This bill requires a chief probation officer to develop and implement an official policy covering the arming of deputy probation officers.

I am sympathetic to what the proponents are trying to accomplish by this bill. But since local circumstances differ, I am reluctant to force this matter from the state level. The chief probation officers are closer and better situated to make the decision. The principles of subsidiarity apply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.