



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2053 without my signature.

This bill makes the vesting period for BART employee's retirement health benefits 15 years.

The labor contracts for BART's five bargaining units expire next year, so negotiations for new contracts will start soon if not already. The vesting period for health benefits is a matter that should be negotiated in the new contracts. This bill removes the vesting period from negotiations.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.