



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2126 without my signature.

This bill would amend the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act to provide that mediation in the collective bargaining process may be invoked by one party, rather than requiring both parties to mutually declare impasse and request mediation as required under current law. The bill would also specify that fact finding is not limited to disputes over a new memorandum of understanding but also applies when negotiations reach impasse over issues within the life of the contract.

This measure is premature because a key issue it raises is currently pending before two separate courts of appeal. I would like to get the benefit of the courts' reasoning before I take any action on a bill of this type.

I would note, however, based on my experience as Mayor of Oakland, that the negotiating process between labor and management under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act seems extraordinarily robust and extensive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.