



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following seven bills without my signature:

Assembly Bill 717
Assembly Bill 724
Assembly Bill 1561
Assembly Bill 2127
Assembly Bill 2728
Senate Bill 898
Senate Bill 907

Each of these bills creates a new tax break or expands an existing tax break. In total, these bills would reduce revenues by about \$300 million through 2017-18.

As I said last year, tax breaks are the same as new spending -- they both cost the General Fund money. As such, they must be considered during budget deliberations so that all spending proposals are weighed against each other at the same time. This is even more important when the state's budget remains precariously balanced.

Therefore, I cannot sign these measures.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.