



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 251 without my signature.

This measure seeks to codify a definition of the term 'de minimis' to determine what level of public subsidy triggers prevailing wage requirements on an otherwise private project.

Longstanding practice has been to view the subsidy in context of the project and use 2% as a general threshold for determinations. There has been no showing that the current practice is unreasonable.

While I remain a staunch supporter of prevailing wages I am concerned that this measure is too restrictive and may have unintended consequences. Two years ago, I cited the same concerns when I returned a similar bill without my signature. This measure does not adequately address those concerns.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", written over the printed name.