



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 29 2014

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2577 without my signature.

While I support funding mechanisms that would increase the availability of federal funds, this bill presents significant policy and implementation challenges at a time when the Department of Health Care Services is working at full capacity on several new and critical priorities integrating the Affordable Care Act into our health care system.

I will direct the department to continue conversations on this funding mechanism that reflects a more realistic time frame and is more workable for the department.

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.