



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2623 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of State Hospitals to adopt and implement a policy to arm state hospital police officers.

I am sensitive to the unique challenges of providing security in our state's mental hospitals. This is a matter, however, best left to the discretion of the department director who already has authority to arm its officers.

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.