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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 366 to improve the safety of staff at the Department of Mental Health.

This year, the Legislature passed two bills addressing the issue of when a person could be involuntarily medicated when involved with the criminal justice system: Assembly Bill 1114 and this measure.

Both measures will improve the way in which persons needing medication are treated and also protect the safety of workers at state facilities. However, while Assembly Bill 1114 streamlines the process for persons housed by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, this measure will add a costly and unnecessary hearing process for persons housed by the Department of Mental Health.

Given that both measures improve the existing processes, I am signing both measures.

However, I encourage the Legislature to pass additional legislation next year to streamline the process created by this measure.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.