



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning Assembly Bill 36 without my signature.

This bill requires a local agency governing body to hold a public meeting prior to the acquisition of certain surplus military equipment.

Transparency is important between law enforcement and the communities they serve, but it must be tempered by security considerations before revealing law enforcement equipment shortages in a public hearing. This bill fails to strike the proper balance.

Moreover, the bill is unnecessary, as President Obama's Executive Order 13688 will implement a similar requirement for governing bodies to grant approval of surplus military equipment.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.