

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 487 without my signature.

This bill would require the state parole board to notify the district attorney whenever an inmate makes a request to advance a parole hearing date and would allow district attorneys to offer their views on whether a date should in fact be advanced.

District attorneys have been participating in parole hearings at least since 1978. This is appropriate given the district attorney's unique perspective. The timing of hearings, however, is best left to the wise discretion of the parole board, as articulated in the unanimous 2013 California Supreme Court decision in *In re Vicks* (2013), 56 Cal.4th 274.

Sincerely,

Edmund G Brown In