



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

This measure would reverse a California Supreme Court decision allowing judges, in cases filed under the Fair Employment and Housing Act, to deny the recovery of lawyer fees to parties who fail to use established procedures that reduce litigation costs.

In this case, I think the Supreme Court got it right. Judges are in the best position to decide whether to award or deny fees in these instances.

I am returning Assembly Bill 559 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.