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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 696 without my signature.

This bill would allow an out-of-custody misdemeanor defendant to ask the court at arraignment rather than at trial to determine whether or not probable cause exists.

I understand the potential benefits to a defendant in having the court make this determination earlier in the process. However, the impact on the courts is unclear and could well be significant. I would welcome a small, carefully crafted pilot to assess the impact of this proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.