

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 779 without my signature.

This bill requires local agencies to post the names and total compensation of elected officials on their websites.

Local agencies already provide extensive employee compensation information, which includes the compensation for elected officials, to the State Controller's Office. If an agency maintains a website, it must post this information as well. There is no evidence that existing disclosure requirements are insufficient. Further, this bill exposes the General Fund to reimbursable mandate costs that it cannot afford.

Sincerely,

Edmand G. Brown Jr.