

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 909 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Justice to establish the Metal Theft Task Force Program to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to enforce metal theft and related recycling laws.

This bill creates a new enforcement effort without identifying a funding source. Today I signed SB 485, which does provide a funding source for greater enforcement within the existing infrastructure. More can certainly be done, but let's build on stable funding base.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown (r.