



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 952 without my signature.

This bill creates special gift and revolving door rules for the High-Speed Rail Authority.

The Authority is already regulated under the Political Reform Act (PRA) by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). In fact, last January the FPPC concluded an investigation of a complaint that Authority personnel violated the PRA's gift limits and disclosure rules. The FPPC found no violations.

The existing gift and revolving door laws work well and apply uniformly to nearly all departments. There is no reason to add complexity to this area of regulation by creating a different set of rules for the Authority.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.