



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

AUG 26 2016

To the Members of the California State Senate:

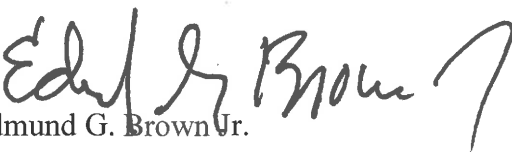
I am signing Senate Bill 1279, which prohibits the California Transportation Commission from allocating funds for any new bulk-coal terminal in California.

I believe action on multiple fronts will be necessary to transition away from coal. In California, we're divesting from thermal coal in our state pensions, shifting to renewable energy and, last year, coal exports from California ports declined by more than one-third, from 4.65 million to 2.96 million tons. That's a positive trend we need to build on.

The city of Oakland took an important step recently by thoroughly documenting the health and safety risks and climate impacts of coal and specifically banning its shipment through the city.

Other localities should follow suit – and the state should too – to reduce and, ultimately, eliminate the shipment of coal through all California ports. That's why I'm signing SB 1279 and why I will continue to work with the Legislature on further actions to curb coal and combat climate change.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.