



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1480 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Fish and Game to expand its mission to include enforcement of statutes aimed at consumer protection issues. The Department is tasked with management of the state's fish and wildlife resources. Consumer protection is not the appropriate purview of the Department. These issues are most appropriately dealt with by the various state, county, and local agencies with expertise in this area. Expanding the Department's mission to include urban pest management is not an appropriate or effective use of Department resources.

In addition, this bill prohibits the trapping of bats, with some exceptions based on health and safety, and precludes a homeowner from excluding bats during certain seasons or without authorization from the Department. Homeowners should be allowed to exclude bats from their home at any time.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.