



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 158 without my signature.

The bill seeks to give the Department of Developmental Services permission to establish a voluntary program with no identified funding to focus attention on autism spectrum disorders and underserved communities.

Understanding the needs of disparate communities is a responsibility and goal the department, regional centers, and the three University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities all share. The bill imparts no new authority, alters no mission, and provides no new money to these efforts. As such, the work that the bill seeks to promote is already underway, to the best extent of available resources.

If new federal or private resources should become available, the infrastructure and the will to do more are already there.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.