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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning SB 263 without my signature.

The original intent of this bill recognized that wise management and use of groundwater supply requires public disclosure of well logs. Unfortunately, as amended, this bill now unduly restricts the use of these reports and imposes severe criminal penalties for disclosure.

California is the only western state that does not provide ready access to well reports. That should be changed. I am directing the Department of Water Resources to work with the author to ensure responsible public access to well logs.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.