



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning SB 356 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) to notify a county or city that intends to fully close a park in its jurisdiction and give the locality the option of voluntarily assuming responsibility for the park.

This bill is unnecessary. Parks has already made its list of closures available to the public and a separate notification process for cities and counties would be duplicative. Moreover, Parks already has signed agreements with localities willing to operate state parks and intends to sign more.

The bill also would reappropriate expired funds for the California State Railroad Museum Boiler Shop restoration project. I will address this in the budget.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.