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To the Members of the California State Senate:

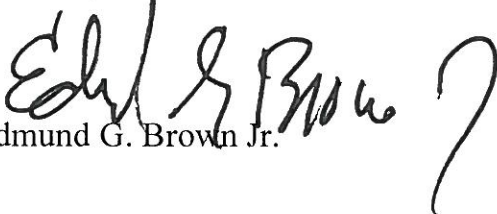
I am signing Senate Bill 54, which would require owners and operators of stationary petroleum facilities to pay a prevailing wage for their contracted workers and to improve their skills through an apprenticeship training program.

Trained, well paid workers are a solid investment for California.

This transition will take time. The bill appropriately provides for a phased transition for increasing the training of these workers. The bill provides exemptions to these phased apprenticeship goals if there is a shortage of available apprenticed workers during key times, such as turnarounds. The bill also provides an exemption to these goals for any emergencies.

I am directing the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to work in partnership with the refineries, workers and labor organizations to take steps to expeditiously help the existing workers –through our apprenticeship program – to meet the requirements of this Act.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.