



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 649 without my signature.

This bill would allow possession of heroin or cocaine to be charged as a misdemeanor instead of a felony.

Under SB 105, we are going to examine in detail California's criminal justice system, including the current sentencing structure. We will do so with the full participation of all necessary parties, including law enforcement, local government, courts and treatment providers. That will be the appropriate time to evaluate our existing drug laws.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.