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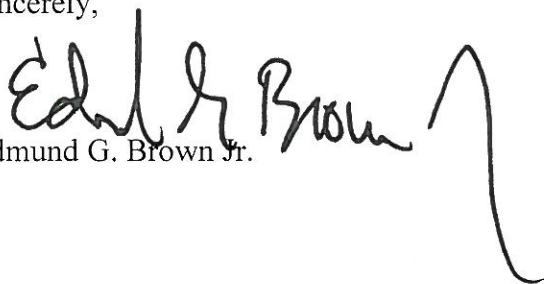
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 654 without my signature.

This bill would require that the Attorney General's title and summary be translated into multiple languages before an initiative measure could be circulated for signatures. A translation would also be required before a recall petition could be circulated. Current law already requires language translations for measures that qualify to appear on the ballot.

As I noted in my veto message last year, imposing translation obligations at the circulating stage would add substantial burdens to the initiative process. I remain unconvinced that the benefits outweigh the costs.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.