



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 660 and Assembly Bill 1023 without my signature.

These bills aim to improve the public accessibility and transparency in decision-making at the Public Utilities Commission.

There are many important and needed reforms in this package of bills. Unfortunately, taken together there are various technical and conflicting issues that make the over fifty proposed reforms unworkable. Some prudent prioritization is needed.

These reforms should include greater public access through technology improvements, incorporating public comments into the record, more Commission meetings outside of San Francisco, amending Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code to require more information to be publicly available, facilitating greater deliberation among Commissioners through Bagley-Keene reform to improve decisionmaking and some tightening of the rules on ex-parte communications.

I am directing my office to work with the authors on drafting these reforms and to ensure the Commission receives the necessary resources to implement them swiftly and effectively.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.