



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 804 without my signature.

This bill would expand the existing definition of biomass conversion to include non-combustion thermal, chemical, or biological processes.

While I agree with the intent of the bill, last minute amendments made the bill overly complicated and unworkable.

Therefore, I am directing the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery, in conjunction with stakeholders, to develop a sensible approach that would apply to all biomass facilities irrespective of the technologies used.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.