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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1068 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Prison Industry Authority to establish a pilot program to contract with a company that employs ex-offenders to provide goods to state agencies. The selected company would receive a 10% to 40% bid preference depending on whether it met certain criteria.

A bid preference pilot program is an idea that has merit, but it should more closely mirror existing preferences in state law. I urge the proponents to work with the Administration to explore additional ways to incentivize the hiring of formerly incarcerated individuals, a goal that I strongly support.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.