



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1448 to ensure that the bulk of the elderly parole program currently administered by the Board of Parole Hearings under court order will continue after court oversight of our prisons is lifted. This has been a successful program that saves the State a significant amount of money that would otherwise be spent caring for geriatric prisoners who no longer pose a risk to public safety.

This is an important bill, and I appreciate the Author and Legislature's willingness to take this step towards codifying responsible and durable reforms to our criminal justice system. I urge this and future legislatures to revisit this policy in future years, however, as I believe the pool of eligible inmates can and should be broadened. This can be done safely, as the current program has shown.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.