



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning Assembly Bill 547 without my signature.

This bill would require the state to pay invoices within 30 days when submitted by a disabled veteran business enterprise that is also small business.

The Prompt Payment Act already requires invoices to be paid within 45 days. While I am supportive of our small disabled veteran business enterprises, I think that it is important for the state to continue to focus on making timely payments on all state contracts.

Rather than introducing a new process that could undo the state's progress, I would simply encourage state agencies to accelerate payments on invoices whenever possible.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.