



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 80 without my signature.

This bill requires a lead agency to file a Notice of Determination when a project considered under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) receives a categorical exemption. The bill also requires a lead agency to post certain notices on its website, and send the notices by email upon request.

While I agree with the author's desire to provide greater transparency, the current CEQA process already is very detailed, and requires an incredible amount of notice. For that reason, I am reluctant to add the additional requirements mandated by this bill.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.