



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 664 without my signature.

This bill prohibits a candidate-controlled committee from paying an amount greater than fair market value for goods and services.

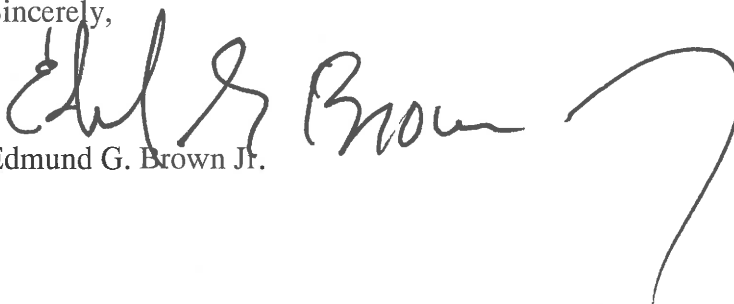
This proposed new authority for the Fair Political Practices Commission concerns me. Will the Commission now examine campaigns to determine whether they pay the right amount to their staffers and consultants? Would this require salary surveys?

This strikes me as a personnel decision more properly left to the candidate and the campaign manager, and not fodder for accusations made in the heat of a campaign.

Many have said that I pay far below "fair market value." I say everyone else pays too much. Whoever is right, this decision is not one for the Fair Political Practices Commission.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.