



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1715 without my signature.

This bill establishes a process for the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to accept proposals from public and private entities that are interested in collaborating with the state to operate an international trade and investment office in a foreign country.

Nothing prohibits any public or private entity from submitting a letter of interest for establishing an international trade and investment office in a foreign nation. I am not convinced the legislatively mandated process sought by this bill to establish trade offices will improve the state's ability to pursue successful partnerships with other countries.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.