



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning Assembly Bill 2050 without my signature.

This bill establishes the Small System Water Authority Act of 2018, which authorizes the creation of small system water authorities to operate small public water systems that can't afford to serve safe drinking water.

While I appreciate the author's intent, this bill creates an expensive, bureaucratic process and does not address the most significant problem with providing safe drinking water – a stable funding source to pay for ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

My administration remains committed to a comprehensive solution to address safe drinking water issues based on shared responsibility between water users and water providers that will not result in ongoing costs to the General Fund. I urge the Legislature and stakeholders to work towards a stable funding solution in 2019.

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.