

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2152 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Social Services to develop a hunger screening tool to assist in the determination of whether CalFresh recipients may be exempted from time limitations on benefits.

CalFresh is a federally-funded nutrition benefit program which includes work requirements and exemptions prescribed by federal rules. Instead of codifying state policies in this program, I urge the department and counties to continue to work together to ensure those facing extreme hunger have access to these benefits.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.