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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

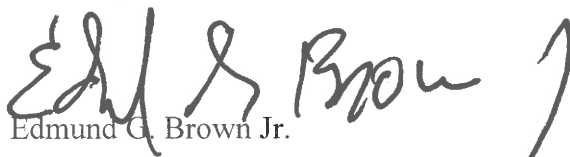
I am returning Assembly Bill 2538 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish financial capability assessment guidelines for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permittees by July 1, 2019.

The State Water Board is currently working on guidelines to assist local agencies in estimating and tracking the cost of compliance with their stormwater permits. Additionally, the State Water Board and Regional Water Boards work with permittees to create customized compliance schedules and offer grants and loans.

Municipal finances are diverse and a generic financial analysis, as this bill suggests, will not meaningfully advance our understanding of the ability of municipalities to meet stormwater permitting requirements.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.