

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2908 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to establish an incentive program to encourage manufacturing of new products made from waste tires.

Since 1990, the Department has used grants to increase tire recycling. The Department has recently decided that incentive payments are a more effective way to promote such recycling. While this bill creates an incentive payment program, it also requires fifty percent of the payments to go to local governments for paving projects. This limits the Department's ability to respond to innovation in this area.

Because I do believe there is merit to this policy and I am directing the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to recommend an incentive program in this area as part of the budget.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. B**t**own Jr