



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 553 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Industrial Relations to completely disburse \$120 million annually from the Workers' Compensation Return to Work Fund to eligible injured workers.

The Return-to-Work Program began in 2015 and is relatively new. I am concerned this measure proposes sweeping revisions to the Return-to-Work program that are premature. The Program's funds will likely be spent in full in the coming fiscal year. Let's see the progress of that effort before making additional changes to the Program.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.