



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1303 without my signature.

This bill requires certain counties to establish a medical examiner's office in lieu of a sheriff coroner office. In cases where the sheriff-coroner has a potential conflict of interest, this bill requires death investigations to be referred to another county that uses a medical examiner model of investigation.

Counties have several options when delivering coroner services to the public. This decision is best left to the discretion of local elected officials who are in the best position to determine how their county offices are organized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.