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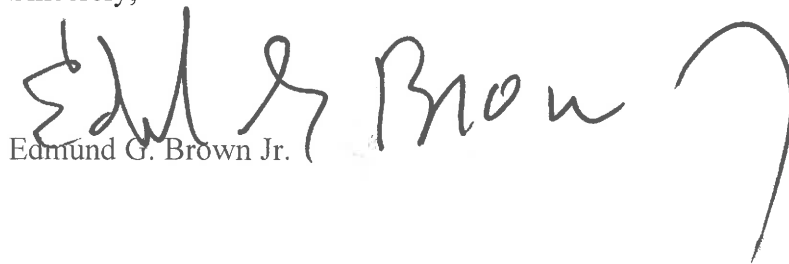
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 531 without my signature.

This bill adds port districts that are not a department, division, or a subdivision of a city or county to the list of political subdivisions permitted to declare a local emergency under the California Emergency Services Act.

Allowing port districts to declare a local emergency without involving their neighboring cities and counties runs counter to the system of mutual aid which is dependent upon local cooperation. By facilitating the efficient flow of resources and information, local cooperation during an emergency allows the state to determine the proper allocation of emergency support. This bill will disrupt the state's ability to evaluate such resource requests - to the possible detriment of those who need help.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.