



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 656 without my signature.

This bill would amend and significantly expand--retroactively--the pension benefits of the Judges' Retirement System II, a program that has been in effect since 1994.

The costs associated with this bill are large and unbudgeted. In addition, the proposed retroactive benefits are contrary to the explicit provisions of the Public Employees Pensions Reform Act of 2013.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.