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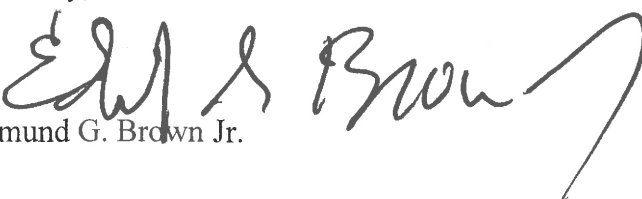
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 899 without my signature.

Consistent with current law, this measure seeks to preclude a physician from using race, gender, or national origin as a basis for apportionment. I am vetoing this bill for many of the same reasons that I returned a similar measure in 2011 - Assembly Bill 1155.

This bill is unnecessary as it would not change existing law and may disturb settled court decisions, which already provide protection from the inappropriate application of the apportionment statutes. Additionally, the proposed wording of the amended statute may create ambiguities in the law, resulting in increased litigation, costs for employers and confusion for injured workers and their representatives.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.

