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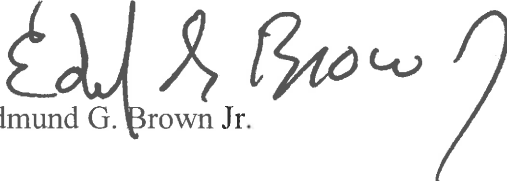
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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 968 without my signature. The bill would prescribe a minimum mental health counselor-to-student ratio at all the campuses of the California State University system, and request the University of California to implement the same ratio on its campuses.

Investing greater resources in student mental health is an understandable goal. Such investments, however, should be actively considered and made within the budget process. Moreover, specific ratios should remain within the purview of the boards or with local campuses, rather than dictated by the state.

Sincerely,


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