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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GOVERNOR'S VETOES

1

A.B. No. 154—Levine.

An act relating to prisoners.

2017

Sep. 12—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2:30 p.m.

Sep. 25—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 154 without my signature.

This bill requires the sentencing court, after making specified findings, to provide a recommendation to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to conduct a mental health evaluation on a defendant sentenced to state prison.

While I understand the author's intent, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation already conducts mental health evaluations on every defendant sentenced to state prison, regardless of a recommendation from the court.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 532—Waldron et al.

An act relating to drug and alcohol programs.

2017

Sep. 12—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2:30 p.m.

Sep. 28—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 532 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a court to collaborate with outside organizations to develop a program to offer mental health and addiction treatment services to women charged with specified non-felony complaints.

The programs to assist women in jail contemplated by this bill are laudatory, but the judicial branch already has full authority to develop collaborative courts which address these kinds of treatment services.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 524—Bigelow et al.

An act relating to public utilities, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

2017

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 2—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 524 without my signature.

This bill transfers \$8.3 million of penalty money from the General Fund for the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund and the Tree Mortality Grant Program.

The legislature added \$220 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Budget Act of 2017 for programs designed to reduce fire risk, enhance community fire protection, and promote forest health. A portion of these funds will be used for projects that address the immediate impacts of the tree mortality state of emergency and prevent further spread of the epidemic. Furthermore, the Budget Act of 2017 included \$6 million from the General Fund to assist counties in accessing emergency funding for tree mortality projects. Therefore, this bill is not needed.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 850—Chau et al.

An act relating to mental health.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 2—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 850 without my signature.

This bill adds a member to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission who has experience in reducing mental health disparities.

I believe the Commission as currently constituted is up to the task entrusted to it.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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A.B. No. 859—Eggman.

An act relating to elders and dependent adults.

2017

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 2—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 859 without my signature.

This bill lowers the standard of proof for claims of elder physical abuse or neglect made against a skilled nursing facility or residential care facility for the elderly when a judge has found intentional destruction of evidence.

Intentional destruction or concealment of evidence, known as spoliation, is illegal. Currently when judges find spoliation, they have numerous sanctions at their disposal which they can impose against an offending party. In appropriate circumstances, this will facilitate establishing a claim of abuse. Accordingly, I don't believe changing the standard of proof is warranted.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 79—Levine et al.
An act relating to electricity.

2017

- Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 3—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 79 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Air Resources Board to update the inputs or methodology for calculating greenhouse gas emissions of unspecified energy sources.

This bill is unnecessary and interferes with the implementation of existing law passed just last year that requires the California Energy Commission, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to adopt a methodology for the calculation of greenhouse gas emissions intensity for all electricity purchases.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 1279—Salas et al.
An act relating to public health.

2017

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 3—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1279 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Public Health to develop outreach programs to educate the public about Valley Fever.

The department already provides fact sheets, brochures, posters and other educational materials to raise awareness of this disease. Expanding this program would necessitate additional resources which should be considered along with other funding requests as part of the budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 1358—Cooley.

An act relating to parks.

2017

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 3—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1358 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Parks and Recreation to discount by fifty percent admission to a state park on September 9th of each year.

While this bill is well-intentioned, the department already has the authority to offer discounted or free park admissions to the public. Furthermore, for the past few years the department has worked closely with the Parks Forward Commission to develop initiatives to expand visitations, increase access, and ensure the system's long-term sustainability. The public and our state parks are better served by allowing the department the flexibility to manage its operations without mandates that may harm its fiscal stability.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 696—Caballero et al.
An act relating to transportation.

2017

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 4—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 696 without my signature.

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to use the revenues from surplus property sold in Monterey County towards local highway projects in the county, rather than transfer the proceeds to the General Fund.

In 2016, I vetoed AB 2730, a virtually identical bill. My reasons then were:

These revenues are used to pay existing debt service on transportation construction projects statewide, which is an important purpose. Maintaining this funding stream to the General Fund is even more necessary when the state's budget remains precariously balanced.

That is still my view.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 810—Gallagher et al.
An act relating to transportation.

2017

- Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 810 without my signature.

This bill directs the California Department of Transportation to use the revenues from its excess property sold in Sutter and Yuba counties towards local highway projects in both counties, rather than transfer the proceeds to the General Fund.

In 2016, I vetoed AB 2730, a similar bill. My reasons then were:

These revenues are used to pay existing debt service on transportation construction projects statewide, which is an important purpose. Maintaining this funding stream to the General Fund is even more necessary when the state's budget remains precariously balanced.

That is still my view.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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A.B. No. 1393—Friedman et al.
An act relating to vehicles.

2017

Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 4—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1393 without my signature.

This bill requires courts to impose a mandatory 30-day vehicle impoundment for a second or subsequent case of reckless driving or engaging in an illegal speed contest.

I vetoed a similar bill in 2015, because I believed that current law already allows judges - who see and evaluate first-hand the facts of each case - to impound cars for up to 30 days when circumstances warrant.

I continue to believe that there is no reason for this law except to supplant sound judicial discretion with robotic and abstract justice - something I don't support.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 381—Calderon et al.
An act relating to vehicles.

2017

- Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
Oct. 5—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 381 without my signature.

This bill allows drivers to voluntarily indicate on their vehicle registration that they are deaf or hard of hearing.

I believe this approach falls short of achieving the author's intent. Law enforcement officers typically make contact with drivers prior to receiving their vehicle registration.

I encourage the author to work with the California Highway Patrol and Department of Motor Vehicles on a more effective administrative solution.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 1120—Cooper et al.

An act relating to controlled substances.

2017

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Oct. 5—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1120 without my signature.

This bill restricts the sale of butane products, and creates a butane sales database housed in the Department of Justice.

I empathize with the author's intent to address the tragic explosions that can occur at illegal butane hash-oil production sites. Unfortunately, I believe this bill takes a very expensive approach that may not ultimately solve the problem. The Department of Public Health is currently working on regulations that will be finalized at the end of this year that move this type of production out of the shadows and into a safe and regulated environment. I believe any additional legislation aimed at curbing illegal butane use should be more narrowly tailored, and not place a uniform limit on an industry that has many other legitimate uses.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 1320—Bonta et al.
An act relating to prisons.

2017

- Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.
Oct. 5—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1320 without my signature.

This bill prohibits, as of 2021, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from contracting with private prisons located out of state.

I agree that out-of-state inmates should be returned to California as soon as possible, which is why the administration's 2017–18 budget outlines a plan to accomplish this goal. In order, however, to maintain the prison population at or below 137.5% of design capacity, as required by the Federal courts, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation needs to maintain maximum flexibility in the short term.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

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A.B. No. 350—Salas et al.
An act relating to cannabis.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.
Oct. 6—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 350 without my signature.

This bill prohibits cannabis products to be made in the shape of a person, animal, insect, or fruit.

In mid-September the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 133, which made clarifying changes necessary to implement a single cannabis state regulatory framework. As currently drafted, this bill would chapter out specific provisions in the recently enacted trailer bill. Therefore, I cannot sign it at this time.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 725—Levine et al.

An act relating to state beaches and parks.

2017

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Oct. 6—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 725 without my signature.

This bill prohibits smoking on state coastal beaches and throughout the State Park System, and requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to post signs to notify the public of the smoking ban.

Last year I vetoed Senate Bill 1333, a similar measure, because I believed that such a far-reaching prohibition in every state park and on every state beach was too broad. In addition, the fine prescribed in this bill for lighting one cigarette is excessive: over \$250 dollars, after the mandatory assessments.

If people can't smoke even on a deserted beach, where can they? There must be some limit to the coercive power of government.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 778—Caballero et al.

An act relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

2017

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 6—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following two bills without my signature:

Assembly Bill 778

Senate Bill 289

Both of these bills create a new tax break. These bills are an end run of the budget process, and would commit us to spending more than eight million dollars through 2018–19.

The budget process allows for all tax break proposals to be weighed equally through public hearings, negotiations and, finally, approval of a balanced budget. As I said last year, I believe this is the best way to evaluate and prioritize all new spending proposals, including those that create new tax breaks.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 63—Frazier et al.

An act relating to driver's licenses.

2017

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 63 without my signature.

This bill takes existing driver license restrictions placed on minors aged 16 and 17 years and extends it to adults between 18 to 21 years old.

While I understand the author's intent of needing to address factors that contribute to the unnecessary collisions and deaths of young Californians on our highways, the provisions of this bill create a burden on a segment of adult Californians that are no longer seen as a minor in the eyes of the law. Eighteen year olds are eligible to enlist in the military, vote in national, state, and local elections, enter into contracts, and buy their own car. I believe adults should not be subject to the same driving restrictions presently applied to minors.

When I vetoed a similar bill in 2013, I believed that efforts would be better focused on teen driver training and education programs that improve transportation safety for provisional drivers. That is still my view today.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

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A.B. No. 1190—Oberholte.

An act relating to consumer affairs.

2017

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Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1190 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to post information on its homepage about the Project Approval Lifecycle as it relates to the BreZE project.

Currently, the Department of Technology post updates on their website for all information technology projects, including BreZE, in the "Project Approval Lifecycle IT Project Proposals Report." In addition, I signed SB 547 which requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to report to the Legislature the progress it is making in transitioning its licensing programs to a new information technology system.

Therefore, this bill is unnecessary and duplicative of those efforts.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 1228—Bloom.

An act relating to fisheries.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1228 without my signature.

This bill authorizes the Fish and Game Commission to approve, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue, experimental fishing permits that authorize commercial or recreational marine fishing activities otherwise prohibited by law.

While I support sustainable fishing practices, this bill creates significant and unfunded requirements on the Commission and the Department. This bill also duplicates an existing permit which already allows the testing of experimental fishing gear.

As our marine ecosystem changes, California should be a leader and support innovative and sustainable fishing practices. Therefore, I am directing the Department of Fish and Wildlife to work with the author on legislation to address the identified concerns.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

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A.B. No. 1591—Berman.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.
Oct. 7—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1591 without my signature.

This bill adds Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors to the list of health care professionals whose services are reimbursable by Medi-Cal on a per visit basis at Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.

The Department of Health Care Services is developing a new payment model for these health clinics that will eliminate the need to add specific providers to an approved list. Consequently, this bill is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 621—Bocanegra et al.
An act relating to classified employees.

2017

- Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.
- Oct. 8—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 621 without my signature.

This bill creates a fund to allow specific classified school employees to contribute earnings voluntarily that are matched by the state on a two-to-one basis, for the purposes of providing income during times when these employees are not receiving a salary.

Employee compensation is a matter subject to local collective bargaining. This bill reduces the flexibility of local educational agencies and bargaining units to agree on employee compensation in a manner that reflects local needs, resources and priorities.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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A.B. No. 36—Nazarian et al.
An act relating to electricity.

2017

Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
Oct. 9—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 36 without my signature.

This bill broadens eligibility for the Fuel Cell Net Energy Metering program to include electromechanical on-site electricity generation technologies that converts gas to electricity.

AB 1637, a bill I signed into law just last year, continued the existing fuel cell program based specifically on its ability to further reduce greenhouse gases. As we continue to develop a cleaner grid, I prefer to evaluate the effectiveness of the reformed fuel cell program before expanding it to other technologies.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 82—Medina et al.

An act relating to vital records.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 9—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 82 without my signature.

This bill mandates the State Registrar to require the use of diacritical marks on names to be recorded on birth, death, and marriage certificates.

Mandating the use of diacritical marks on certain state and local vital records without a corresponding requirement for all state and federal government records is a difficult and expensive proposition. This bill would create inconsistencies in vital records and require significant state funds to replace or modify existing registration systems.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 189—Low.

An act relating to school curriculum.

2017

Sep. 18—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 9—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 189 without my signature.

This bill would establish a model curriculum in service learning for adoption by the State Board of Education.

I believe this bill is unnecessary. The Instructional Quality Commission carefully considered the subject of service learning when it was updating the History-Social Science Framework and embedded it throughout the curriculum framework that the State Board of Education subsequently adopted.

The appendix also includes a section "Practice Civic Engagement: Service Learning in the History-Social Science Framework."

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 402—Thurmond.

An act relating to occupational safety and health.

2017

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 9—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 402 without my signature.

AB 402 would require the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt a regulation that requires a health facility to evacuate or remove smoke plumes routinely generated during certain medical procedures through the use of plume scavenging systems by July 1, 2020.

The creation of new occupational safety and health standards does not require legislation; any member of the public may petition the Standards Board to consider creating a new safety regulation. I agree that the state should evaluate the need for a standard to address the health and safety hazards posed by plume and I suggest that the Author and Sponsor petition the Standards Board to initiate that process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

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A.B. No. 715—Wood.

An act relating to public health.

2017

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 715 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Public Health to convene a workgroup to develop a statewide guideline for prescribing opioids for acute, short term pain.

Opioid misuse and addiction is a national epidemic that has been devastating for many California communities. Since 2014, the Department of Public Health has lead the Prescription Opioid Misuse and Overdose Prevention Workgroup which is comprised of state and local agencies as well as medical and patient organizations committed to reducing opioid overdose rates in California. Furthermore, both the California Medical Board and the federal Centers for Disease Control have published updated guidelines for prescribing controlled substances for pain including opioids. For these reasons, this bill is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 858—Dababneh.

An act relating to pupil instruction.

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 858 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Financial Literacy Initiative to provide instructional materials for pupils in kindergarten through grade 12.

This bill is unnecessary. The History-Social Science Framework already contains financial literacy content for pupils in kindergarten through grade 12, as well as a financial literacy elective. In addition, the California Department of Education maintains a Web page with financial literacy resources for pupils in kindergarten through grade 12.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

29

A.B. No. 1122—Limón.

An act relating to teachers.

2017

Sep. 7—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 9—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1122 without my signature.

This bill requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to provide guidance in establishing partnerships between school districts and higher education institutions on the subject of bilingual teacher preparation programs.

I believe this bill is unnecessary. California recently funded programs to recruit additional teachers, including bilingual education teachers. I want to assess the success of these efforts before spending additional money on new programs.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

30

A.B. No. 248—Reyes et al.

An act relating to hazardous waste.

2017

Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 10—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 248 without my signature.

This bill would require the owner or operator of a hazardous waste facility to submit an application for a permit renewal either six months or two years prior to expiration, depending on the expiration date of the permit.

There is no question that comprehensive reform of the Department's operation is needed and the Administration is committed to working with the Legislature on that task. When it comes to protecting the public health of our communities, government cannot afford to make promises it cannot keep.

Adding new responsibilities to the Department must be undertaken holistically while considering the resources and funding available. Doing anything less robs the community of a real solution and sets government up for failure.

Addressing the structural problems at the Department, both fiscal and administrative, will not be an easy task, but one that is achievable if the Administration and the Legislature work together. I look forward to the partnership.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

31

A.B. No. 547—Chávez et al.

An act relating to state government.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 10—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 547 without my signature.

This bill would require the state to pay invoices within 30 days when submitted by a disabled veteran business enterprise that is also small business.

The Prompt Payment Act already requires invoices to be paid within 45 days. While I am supportive of our small disabled veteran business enterprises, I think that it is important for the state to continue to focus on making timely payments on all state contracts.

Rather than introducing a new process that could undo the state's progress, I would simply encourage state agencies to accelerate payments on invoices whenever possible.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

32

A.B. No. 1179—Kalra.

An act relating to hazardous waste.

2017

Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 10—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1179 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt regulations establishing the frequency of inspections for permitted hazardous waste facilities.

There is no question that comprehensive reform of the Department's operations is needed and the Administration is committed to working with the Legislature on that task. When it comes to protecting the public health of our communities, government cannot afford to make promises it cannot keep.

Adding new responsibilities to the Department must be undertaken holistically while considering the resources and funding available. Doing anything less robs the community of a real solution and sets government up for failure.

Addressing the structural problems at the Department, both fiscal and administrative, will not be an easy task, but one that is achievable if the Administration and the Legislature work together. I look forward to the partnership.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

33

A.B. No. 1399—Nazarian.

An act relating to teacher credentialing.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 10—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1399 without my signature.

This bill authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to develop program standards on the subject of genocide, atrocities and human rights.

The State Board of Education has already recognized the study of genocide and human rights in California's History-Social Science Framework. This framework specifically includes the subject of the Armenian Genocide.

In addition, the 2017 Budget Act includes \$10 million of professional development and training for teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals on the Framework, which will include the Armenian Genocide.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

34

A.B. No. 61—Holden.

An act relating to the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

2017

Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 11—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 61 without my signature.

This bill requires one of the Governor's appointees to the State Compensation Insurance Fund be a current or former small business owner.

I have not seen evidence that the Fund is lacking insight relative to the needs of its many small business policyholders. Nevertheless, if the Fund needs to improve its expertise in this area, current law provides sufficient opportunity to appoint board members with experience running a small business.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

35

A.B. No. 811—Gipson.

An act relating to juveniles.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 11—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 811 without my signature.

This bill requires that reasonable access to computer technology and the internet be provided to foster youth, as well as youth confined in Department of Juvenile Justice or local juvenile facilities.

While I agree with this bill's intent, the inclusion of state facilities alone will cost upwards of \$15 million for infrastructure upgrades. Also, the reasonable access standard in this bill is vague, and could lead to implementation questions on top of the potentially costly state mandate created by the legislation.

I therefore urge the proponents to revisit the local aspects of this bill in the future, taking these concerns under advisement. In the meantime I am directing the Department of Juvenile Justice to present a plan in the coming year to provide computer and internet access as soon as is practicable, and that can be budgeted for accordingly.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

36

A.B. No. 1306—Oberholte.

An act relating to emergency services.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 11—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1306 without my signature.

Two years ago I established the California Cybersecurity Integration Center when I signed Executive Order B-34-15. Cybersecurity threats against the state are constantly changing and the Center continues to mature in response to these threats. I am concerned that placing the Center in statute as this bill proposes to do, will unduly limit the Center's flexibility as it pursues its mission to protect the state against cyberattacks.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

37

A.B. No. 1461—Thurmond.
An act relating to food.

2017

- Sep. 7—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
Oct. 11—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1461 without my signature.

This bill requires employees of a food facility that offers a meal subscription plan to obtain food handler cards if they work with unpackaged food.

This bill attempts to regulate a burgeoning new business model of home food delivery. I'm not convinced, however, that the existing regulatory scheme for food facilities is suitable for this new industry. I encourage the Legislature to continue to work on this issue with the Department of Public Health and interested stakeholders to ensure food safety is protected and innovation is encouraged.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

38

A.B. No. 26—Caballero.

An act relating to child care and development.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 12—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 26 without my signature.

The California Department of Education currently offers several programs that provide assistance to license-exempt child care providers. Additionally, resource and referral agencies already provide low-cost or free training in health, safety, child development and sound business practices.

A new pilot program, undifferentiated from existing programs, seems unnecessary to establish at this time.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

39

A.B. No. 1064—Calderon.

An act relating to the California State University.

2017

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 12—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1064 without my signature.

While I understand the desire to provide students and families with detailed and accurate cost information on all aspects of college attendance, the bill requires too many data points to be collected, analyzed and reported by each campus at not trivial expense.

If the Board of Trustees is dissatisfied with the way cost estimates are currently reported to the U.S. Department of Education's College Navigator, then the Board should decide what information is most valuable and how much funding should be allocated to its collection and dissemination.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

40

A.B. No. 1239—Holden.

An act relating to building standards.

2017

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 12—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1239 without my signature.

This bill requires the state to develop building standards for electric vehicle parking spaces for existing nonresidential buildings and multifamily dwellings.

In 2013, I signed AB 1092 which required the California Building Standards Commission to adopt mandatory standards for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations for parking spaces in new multifamily dwellings and nonresidential buildings. Furthermore, the California Public Utilities Commission is currently working on a comprehensive plan that will determine where investor-owned utilities can install charging stations around the state.

Increasing transportation electrification will require additional coordination and collaboration from the California Energy Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission and the various departments within the Administration. I am directing the Government Operations Agency to work with all the key parties to identify barriers to the construction of charging stations in existing buildings.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

41

A.B. No. 247—Cristina Garcia et al.
An act relating to lead poisoning.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 247 without my signature.

This bill creates a twenty-one member Lead Advisory Task Force to review and advise on state policies and procedures to reduce childhood lead poisoning and to suggest a regulatory agenda that would identify sources of lead and ensure standards are protective of public health.

The responsibilities of this task force would be duplicative of ongoing work by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the Department of Public Health, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Coordination and evaluation of procedures to reduce childhood lead poisoning is being accomplished administratively amongst these agencies so there is no reason to divert resources to a task force.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 296—Cervantes et al.
An act relating to veterans.

2017

- Sep. 18—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 296 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Veterans Affairs to create a task force to study the health of California's women veterans.

While I understand the author's intent, the department is already a member of an existing task force that has been studying women veteran health issues for more than a year. This bill is duplicative of this current effort.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

43

A.B. No. 391—Chiu et al.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2017

- Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bills 391 and 447 without my signature.

These bills expand benefits in the Medi-Cal program, one for asthma preventative services and one for continuous glucose monitor medical devices. The Department of Health Care Services, however, has considerable administrative authority to make changes to benefits based upon new medical evidence and clinical guidelines. Therefore, these statutory changes are unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

44

A.B. No. 447—Gray et al.
An act relating to Medi-Cal.

2017

- Sep. 18—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.
Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

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Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

45

A.B. No. 570—Gonzalez Fletcher.

An act relating to workers' compensation.

2017

Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 570 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit apportionment of permanent disability, in the case of a physical injury occurring on or after January 1, 2018, from being based on pregnancy, childbirth, or other medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth. I am vetoing this bill for the same reasons that I vetoed similar measures Assembly Bill 1643 in 2016 and Assembly Bill 305 in 2015.

The California Constitution provides that the Legislature shall create a complete system of Workers' Compensation so that employers compensate employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment. To that end, Labor Code Section 4663 provides that the employer shall only be liable for the percentage of permanent disability directly caused by the injury. AB 570 is in direct contradiction to this Constitutional mandate and legislative scheme because it requires employers to be liable for non-work related injuries. This measure would extend the scope of the workers' compensation system well beyond what it is meant to do: compensate injured workers who suffer a work related injury.

I agree with the Author that there is no place for gender discrimination in the workers' compensation system. However, it is not discrimination to have a gender-neutral system in which only permanent disability that results directly from work injuries is compensable. The creation of a broad exception to the apportionment statutes for medical conditions that affect only women would create a gender-based classification and would not be likely to withstand constitutional challenge.

I am committed to ensuring that California's workers' compensation policy treats all injured workers fairly and that every worker, regardless of gender, is adequately compensated for their injury. I encourage proponents of this bill to support continuing efforts to educate medical evaluators on current laws prohibiting gender bias.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

46

A.B. No. 935—Mark Stone.

An act relating to juveniles.

2017

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 935 without my signature.

This bill revises the procedure to determine the mental competence of a juvenile charged with a crime, and limits the time a juvenile who is found to be incompetent can be incarcerated.

I applaud the author for addressing a subject that is in need of review, and I support finding a solution to address any gaps in the procedures for juveniles who are found not to be competent to face court proceedings.

I am concerned, however, with the rare instances in which youth are accused of very serious crimes. I encourage further review as to how these situations may be accounted for while preserving the author's underlying intent.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

47

A.B. No. 961—Quirk-Silva et al.
An act relating to disabled veterans.

2017

- Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 961 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Veteran Affairs to maintain specific records of promotional efforts related to the disabled veteran business enterprise program.

The department should continue to review its outreach strategies for this important program within its existing authority. This bill is unnecessary to fulfill such efforts and adds another layer of bureaucratic monitoring.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

48

A.B. No. 1138—Maienschein.

An act relating to the sale of pets.

2017

Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1138 without my signature.

This bill creates a new misdemeanor for the false or misleading advertising related to the sale of dogs and cats.

Existing law already makes it unlawful to make fraudulent, deceptive, untrue, or misleading advertisements. A violation of existing law is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in county jail not exceeding six months, or by a fine not exceeding \$2,500, or both. The creation of a new crime is not necessary.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

49

A.B. No. 1479—Bonta et al.

An act relating to public records.

2017

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1479 without my signature.

This bill requires public agencies designate a person or office to act as the agency's custodian of records to respond to any California Public Records Act request.

I am not convinced this bill would have any measurable impact on the speed or accuracy in responding to Public Record Act requests. While I am open to future discussions about strengthening public record disclosures for all branches of California government, this bill has the potential to further confuse an already complex process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

50

A.B. No. 1607—Frazier et al.

An act relating to developmental services.

2017

Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 13—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1607 without my signature.

This bill authorizes developmentally disabled consumers to participate in more than one adult day services program to receive services focused on employment. It also establishes community-based vocational development services as a new statewide program for these consumers.

These additional services have merit; however, they should be evaluated in the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

51

A.B. No. 530—Cooper et al.
An act relating to public employment.

2017

- Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
Oct. 14—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 530 without my signature.

This bill authorizes peace officers to bring unfair practice charges to the Public Employment Relations Board while preserving their existing right to directly petition a superior court for injunctive relief.

No other group has both of these rights and I'm unconvinced that providing such a unique procedure is warranted.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

52

A.B. No. 531—Irwin.

An act relating to information security.

2017

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 14—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 531 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Technology's Office of Information Security to review state departments' information security policies to determine if they are sufficient to protect critical government information. The bill also requires the Office to develop a statewide plan to address any deficiencies it sees in its review of departments' cybersecurity practices.

By June 30th, 2018 my administration will finish information security assessments of every state department as required by AB 670. These assessments identify and correct departments' network vulnerabilities. Going forward, each department will receive additional assessments every two years. The Department is also performing audits on departments that scrutinize how their information security practices measure up to the state's information security policies. This coordinated approach to the state's cybersecurity will improve each state department's policies, procedures, and networks so that the state's critical information is secure.

Informed by these assessments and audits, in early 2018 the Department will complete a strategic plan that outlines the state's information security priorities for departments to implement.

Because these efforts will fulfill many of this bill's objectives, I am reluctant to sign the bill at this time

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

53

A.B. No. 863—Cervantes et al.

An act relating to sustainable communities.

2017

Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 14—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 863 without my signature.

This bill encourages projects that receive funding from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program to employ local entrepreneurs and workers from training programs.

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, funded by the Cap and Trade Program, already focuses on improving the economic conditions within disadvantaged communities. In fact, the Strategic Growth Council recently updated the program's guidelines to prioritize projects that focus on local entrepreneurs and workforce training programs.

I believe any additional refinements would be best addressed through the Strategic Growth Council's process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

54

A.B. No. 952—Reyes.

An act relating to teachers.

2017

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 14—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 952 without my signature.

This bill requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to identify additional short-term pathways for individuals to become bilingual teachers.

California recently provided funds to support teachers and paraprofessionals interested in becoming bilingual teachers. This past spring the Commission awarded one-time grants to higher education institutions that sought to create or improve four-year integrated teacher education programs, including for bilingual teachers.

Before making additional investments on this matter I believe it's wise to first assess the success of our current programs.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

55

A.B. No. 978—Limón.

An act relating to employment.

2017

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 14—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 978 without my signature.

This bill would require employers to provide their employees, or their representative, access to an employer's written injury and illness prevention program within ten business days upon request.

I support policies that promote access and transparency in order to prevent injuries and improve health and safety. This bill, however, is unnecessary and duplicative of an existing regulatory proposal that is already underway at the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board. The Standards Board advisory committee process is better suited to determine how to properly implement requirements of this kind.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

56

A.B. No. 1004—Calderon.

An act relating to the Secretary of State.

2017

Sep. 27—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 14—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1004 without my signature.

This bill requires the Secretary of State to establish an online database of elected federal, state, and local officials.

The Secretary of State currently does not have a centralized system in place to track these elected officials. Although well-intentioned, I do not believe this is the time to take on such a task given the other technology projects underway by the Secretary of State's office.

Moreover, it is currently possible to learn the identity of office holders by making inquiries of federal, state and local officials.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

57

A.B. No. 1068—Gonzalez Fletcher.

An act relating to the Prison Industry Authority.

2017

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 14—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1068 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Prison Industry Authority to establish a pilot program to contract with a company that employs ex-offenders to provide goods to state agencies. The selected company would receive a 10% to 40% bid preference depending on whether it met certain criteria.

A bid preference pilot program is an idea that has merit, but it should more closely mirror existing preferences in state law. I urge the proponents to work with the Administration to explore additional ways to incentivize the hiring of formerly incarcerated individuals, a goal that I strongly support.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

58

A.B. No. 1269—Mark Stone.
An act relating to mobilehomes.

2017

- Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
- Oct. 14—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor’s veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1269 without my signature.

Beginning July 1, 2020, this bill would require the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to enforce the Mobilehome Residency Law and conduct mandatory dispute resolution between mobilehome residents and park owners.

While well-intentioned, this bill would significantly expand the operations and duties of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing without an adequate fee structure that supports the additional workload.

I believe increased education and enforcement are needed to protect mobilehome owners and residents. For this reason, I am directing the Department of Housing and Community Development to work with the author to make changes to the Mobilehome Assistance Center to address the concerns raised by the sponsors.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

59

A.B. No. 45—Thurmond.

An act relating to housing.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 45 without my signature.

This bill establishes a new program under the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing predevelopment grants and loans to developers for the creation of affordable rental housing for school district employees.

I recently signed Senate Bill 2 into law which provides an ongoing funding source for housing. In the first year, SB 2 directs fifty percent of the funding to be made available to local governments for planning purposes. In subsequent years, seventy percent of the funding is directly allocated to local governments so they can address their own unique housing needs and fifteen percent of the funding will be targeted towards workforce housing through the California Housing Financing Authority.

Rather than creating a new program at this time, I encourage the author to work with the local governments in his district and collaborate with the California Housing Financing Authority to maximize the funding in SB 2.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

60

A.B. No. 1019—Chiu.

An act relating to public contracts.

2017

Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1019 without my signature.

This bill requires the State Controller's Office to make staff available to support the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission.

The need for this bill is unclear. I am confident that the State Controller's Office is more than capable of dedicating the necessary staff to support the Commission and its work without the mandate called for in this bill.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

61

A.B. No. 1029—Weber.

An act relating to school safety.

2017

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1029 without my signature.

This bill requires a school safety planning committee to include at least one person who is an expert in the social and emotional health of children and youth.

While I agree that this is a good idea, there is nothing in current law that prevents local schools from including a wide range of expertise on their school safety planning committee.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

62

A.B. No. 1209—Gonzalez Fletcher et al.
An act relating to wages.

2017

- Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1209 without my signature.

This bill would require employers with 500 or more employees in California to provide to the Secretary of State specific information regarding gender wage differentials for exempt employees and board members.

I have strongly supported polices that ensure women are compensated equitably and will continue to do so. While transparency is often the first step to addressing an identified problem, it is unclear that the bill as written, given its ambiguous wording, will provide data that will meaningfully contribute to efforts to close the gender wage gap. Indeed, I am worried that this ambiguity could be exploited to encourage more litigation than pay equity.

Since the Equal Pay Act was signed into law in 2015, the Pay Equity Task Force, which is comprised of members from this administration, business, academia, labor, the legislature and pay equity advocates, has been engaged in analysis of the new law, as well as workplace and compensation policies that can lead to successful compliance with the Act. Guidance and recommendations coming out of the Task Force will assist companies around the state with assessing their current wage practices.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

63

A.B. No. 1264—Eduardo Garcia et al.

An act relating to special education pupils.

2017

Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1264 without my signature.

This bill would require that a parent be offered copies of relevant school records and assessment reports at least five business days before a meeting regarding a student's Individualized Education Program under special education laws.

This bill is unnecessary. The Notice of Procedural Safeguards, which is required under the Individuals with Disabilities Act, highlights parents' rights to request copies of relevant school records and reports and receive them within five business days of the request.

This document is provided to parents the first time their child is referred for a special education assessment, when they ask for a copy, each time they are given an assessment plan to evaluate their child, upon receipt of their first state or due process complaint in a school year, and when the decision is made to make a removal that constitutes a change of placement.

As a result, parents who wish to review these records and reports before an Individualized Education Program meeting can already do so.

For this reason, I am returning AB 1264 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

64

A.B. No. 1408—Calderon et al.
An act relating to supervised release.

2017

- Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1408 without my signature.

This bill—among other requirements placed on both the local and state correctional systems—would limit local probation departments' ability to use intermediate sanctions for individuals under post release community supervision.

This bill was introduced as a response to the senseless and horrifying murder of a Whittier police officer, an event that shocked and saddened our entire state. Unfortunately—as history has taught us repeatedly—legislative responses to specific individual crimes often do not produce the intended results, and more often than not are found to be counterproductive once they are implemented.

I believe this is such a bill, and while I appreciate the author's sincere attempt to respond to a truly terrible crime, I do not agree that a three-strikes and you're out approach is the correct solution. This measure would undermine the sound discretion of local probation authorities who, by training and sworn responsibility, are in the best position to make determinations on what type of sanctions or punishment should be imposed.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

65

A.B. No. 17—Holden et al.
An act relating to transportation.

2017

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 17 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to create a competitive grant program for local transit agencies to provide free and reduced-fare transit passes for low-income students.

Many transit agencies, including the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, already have a variety of reduced-fare transit programs for students. Before we create this new statewide program, I think we should have a fuller discussion on how local transit discount programs work and how any new ones should be paid for.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 233—Gloria.

An act relating to pupils.

2017

Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 233 without my signature.

This bill provides that a student has the right to wear specific adornments at school graduation ceremonies.

Students in California have a well-established right to express their views through symbolic acts under the state Education Code and the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment. See *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School Dist.* (1969) 393 U.S. 503, 506. Under these precedents, student expression is clearly protected.

To the extent that there is a dispute about what a student can wear at school graduation ceremonies, I believe those closest to the problem -- principals and democratically elected school boards -- are in the best position to make wise judgments.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

67

A.B. No. 313—Gray.

An act relating to water.

2017

Sep. 27—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 313 without my signature.

This bill would transfer the responsibility for conducting adjudicative hearings of certain water rights enforcement actions from the State Water Resources Control Board to a new Water Rights Division in the Office of Administrative Hearings.

While I acknowledge the author's intent to increase fairness and transparency in enforcement actions taken by the Board, the bill would not work as intended. It would be difficult to recruit and retain qualified water lawyers to meet the rigid requirements of the bill. The bill creates a new division that would only conduct limited types of water right hearings, which may further complicate the process. The costs would be borne only by some water right holders but not others, regardless of who benefits.

I recognize, however, that administrative law judges can be effective in complex adjudicative matters, as evidenced in other state agencies. Therefore, I am directing the Secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate the potential role for administrative law judges and provide a recommendation on improvements to the Board's hearing process by January 1, 2018.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

68

A.B. No. 432—Thurmond.

An act relating to personal care services.

2017

Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 432 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a county to contract with either a nonprofit consortium or a public authority to be the employer of record for providers of waiver personal care services. The bill also requires the wages and benefits negotiated by the county for these providers to be equal to the wages and benefits for In-Home Supportive Services providers.

This bill could lead to unknown General Fund costs in the near term by giving counties collective bargaining authority over a state administered program that does not include a county share of cost. As with other program expansions, this is more appropriately considered as a part of the budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 568—Gonzalez Fletcher et al.
An act relating to employees.

2017

- Sep. 19—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.
Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 568 without my signature.

This bill requires school districts, charter schools, and community colleges to provide at least six weeks of full pay for pregnancy related leaves of absence taken by certificated, academic and classified employees.

I have signed two previous bills, AB 2393 of 2016 and AB 375 of 2015, that allow these employees to receive differential pay for maternity and paternity leave. I believe further decisions regarding leave policies for school employees are best resolved through the collective bargaining process at the local level. I would also encourage districts to consider participating in the State Disability Insurance program that would allow these employees to receive pay in addition to what is already being provided.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

70

A.B. No. 569—Gonzalez Fletcher et al.

An act relating to employment.

2017

Sep. 25—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 12 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Assembly Bill 569 would add to the labor code a prohibition against any employer from taking an action against an employee because of that employee's reproductive decision.

The California Fair Employment and Housing Act has long banned such adverse actions, except for religious institutions. I believe these types of claims should remain within the jurisdiction of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

For this reason, I am returning AB 569 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 890—Medina et al.
An act relating to land use.

2017

- Sep. 20—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 890 without my signature.

This bill would require California Environmental Quality Act approval of certain land use decisions that currently are exempt from the Act because a qualified voter initiative on the subject has either been approved by a local governing board or by the voters.

Instead of the piecemeal approach taken in this bill, I prefer a more comprehensive CEQA review, which takes into account both the urgent need for more housing and thoughtful environmental analysis. I hope to work with the author who has shown a steadfast commitment to protecting vulnerable communities from being disproportionately burdened by environmental harms.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued**GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued****72**

A.B. No. 894—Frazier.

An act relating to elections.

2017

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 894 without my signature.

This bill increases the maximum fine for knowingly making a false statement of a material fact in a candidate's statement from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

I am not convinced this is a widespread problem in California elections or that this bill would be much of a deterrent. The conventional response to resume puffing is exposure by the press or political attack by the opposition.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

73

A.B. No. 973—Low.

An act relating to elections.

2017

Sep. 26—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 973 without my signature.

This bill requires a county elections official, by January 1, 2020, to allow voters with disabilities, and military and overseas voters, to cast a ballot using a certified remote accessible vote-by-mail system.

Just last year, I signed AB 2252 that created standards for the Secretary of State to review and approve remote accessible vote-by-mail ballot systems for use in California elections. Additionally, current law permits any voter, including a voter with a disability or a military or overseas voter, to electronically receive and cast a vote-by-mail ballot using a remote accessible vote-by-mail system, once available.

I am hesitant to mandate that counties use this technology at a time when certification of these systems is in its nascent stages. As these systems become certified, however, I encourage counties to review and adopt them as appropriate.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 1249—Gray et al.

An act relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

2017

Sep. 13—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Assembly Bill 1249 allows property owned by veterans' organizations to receive a full property tax exemption for fraternal, lodge, or social club purposes.

Last year, I signed SB 1458, which expanded eligibility for the disabled veteran's property tax exemption. In 2014, I signed SB 1113 which extended the statute of limitations for a veteran with a 100 percent service disability to claim a disabled veteran's property tax exemption refund from four to eight years. Earlier this year, I signed SB 3 to put a \$4 billion bond before the voters that, if passed, would continue a long-standing statewide program that provides home loans to qualified veterans.

We have taken steps to expand eligibility for the property tax exemption in appropriate ways for our veterans. This bill, however, allows an already generous property tax benefit to be expanded on a larger scale. I am, therefore, returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

75

A.B. No. 1513—Kalra.

An act relating to home care services.

2017

Sep. 21—Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1513 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to provide labor organizations with the names and telephone numbers of home care aides on the department's Home Care Registry unless a home care aide opts out of allowing this information to be shared.

Home care aides have placed their names and personal contact information on the Registry for the purpose of allowing consumers and their families to determine whether an aide has undergone a criminal background check and received training. I am concerned about now releasing the personal information of these home care aides, who joined the registry without knowing that their information would be disclosed as prescribed by this bill.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Continued

GOVERNOR'S VETOES—Continued

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A.B. No. 1660—Kalra.

An act relating to court reporters, and making an appropriation therefor.

2017

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Oct. 15—Vetoed by Governor. **Legislature has 60 calendar days, not including periods of joint recess, to consider Governor's veto (J.R. 58.5).** Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1660 without my signature.

This bill creates a new registration program for a Court Reporter Provider.

This bill affects matters that are currently under review by an appellate court. I would prefer to await the outcome of that case before deciding on the issues raised by this bill.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.