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Monday, October 12, 2015

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Governor's Office, State Capitol  
September 29, 2015

*To the Senate of the State of California:*

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the following appointments and reappointments heretofore made by me to offices which by law are to be filled by the Governor. These appointments and reappointments are subject to Senate confirmation and consent. I hereby nominate these appointees and re-appointees to you and request your confirmation and consent.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

RAUL "DAVID" BEJARANO, has been appointed to the California Board of State and Community Corrections. Bejarano has been chief of police at the Chula Vista Police Department since 2009. He was president at Presidential Security Services from 2005 to 2009 and served as the U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of California from 2003 to 2005. Bejarano served in several positions at the San Diego Police Department from 1979 to 2003, including police chief, supervisor, detective, and officer and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1975 to 1978. He is president of the California Police Chiefs Association. Appointed 08/17/2015. Effective 09/08/2015.

Member, California Board of State and Community Corrections,  
vice, David Maggard Jr., term expired. Term ending 07/01/2018.



MICHELLE BROWN, has been reappointed to the California Board of State and Community Corrections, where she has served since 2013. Brown has served as chief probation officer at the San Bernardino County Probation Department since 2009, where she has held several positions since 1985, including assistant chief probation officer and deputy chief probation officer. She earned a Master of Arts degree in criminal justice from California State University, San Bernardino. Reappointed 08/17/2015. Effective 09/01/2015.

Member, California Board of State and Community Corrections, vice, self, reappointed. Term ending 07/01/2018.

GEOFF DEAN, has been reappointed to the California Board of State and Community Corrections, where he has served since 2014. Dean has been sheriff at the Ventura County Sheriff's Office since 2011, where he has served in several positions since 1977, including commander, sergeant, and deputy. He earned a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Northridge and a Master of Business Administration degree from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona College of Business Administration. Reappointed 08/17/2015. Effective 09/03/2015.

Member, California Board of State and Community Corrections, vice, self, reappointed. Term ending 07/01/2018.

LETICIA PEREZ, has been appointed to the California Board of State and Community Corrections. Perez has been a member of the Kern County Board of Supervisors since 2013. She was a consultant for the Senate Select Committee on Economic Development and the State Permitting Process in the Office of California State Senator Michael Rubio from 2011 to 2012, served as an attorney at the Kern County Public Defender's Office from 2008 to 2011, and was a community banker for Wells Fargo Bank from 2001 to 2003. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Valparaiso University School of Law. Appointed 08/25/2015. Effective 09/01/2015.

Member, California Board of State and Community Corrections, vice, Susan Mauriello, term expired. Term ending 07/01/2018.

BRUCE SAITO, has been appointed director of the California Conservation Corps. Saito has been executive director emeritus and senior advisor at the Los Angeles Conservation Corps since 2014, where he has held several positions since 1985, including executive director and deputy director. He was program manager at the California Conservation Corps from 1976 to 1986. Saito is a member of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation, and the California Prison Industry Authority. Appointed 08/22/2015. Effective 09/08/2015.

Director, California Conservation Corps, vice, David Muraki, retired, 07/01/2015. Term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.



RINA DIMARE, has been appointed to the California Exposition and State Fair Board of Directors. DiMare has been a proprietor at Elevation Ten Winery since 2011. She held several positions at Government Strategies Inc. from 2009 to 2014, including president and senior partner. DiMare is vice president of the Clarksburg Wine Grape Growers and Vintners Association. Appointed 09/14/2015. Effective 09/21/2015.

Member, California Exposition and State Fair Board of Directors, vice, Jeffrey Azoff, withdrawn by the Governor, April 11, 2013. Term ending 01/01/2016.

LAREN LEICHLITER JR., has been reappointed to the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, where he has served since 2013. Leichliter has served in several positions at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department since 1991, including deputy sheriff and fiscal clerk. He was a fiscal clerk at the San Bernardino County Hospital from 1985 to 1991. Leichliter is president of the San Bernardino County Safety Employees' Benefit Association. Reappointed 08/26/2015. Effective 09/01/2015.

Member, California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, vice, self, reappointed. Term ending 07/01/2018.

JAMES "JIM" WUNDERMAN, has been appointed to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority. Wunderman has been president and CEO at the Bay Area Council since 2004. He was senior vice president of external affairs at the Provident Financial Corporation from 1997 to 2004, chief of staff in the San Francisco Mayor's Office from 1993 to 1995, and vice president and general manager at Norcal Waste Systems Inc. from 1987 to 1991. Appointed 08/31/2015. Effective 09/01/2015.

Member, San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, vice, Anthony Intintoli Jr., moved to another slot. Term ending 01/01/2016.

Above appointments and reappointments referred to the Committee on Rules.



Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 3, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning the following nine bills without my signature:

Assembly Bill 144	Assembly Bill 849
<b>Senate Bill 168</b>	Senate Bill 170
Senate Bill 271	Senate Bill 333
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*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 510** without my signature.

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

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. Accordingly, there would be no reason for this law except to supplant sound judicial discretion with robotic and abstract justice—something I don't support.

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**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 3rd day of October, 2015 at 2:41 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Brianna Bruns:

SB 168	SB 170	SB 271
SB 333	SB 347	SB 510
SB 716	SB 722	

BERNADETTE MCNULTY  
Acting Secretary of the Senate





Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 7, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 42** without my signature.

This bill would establish an Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability to advise the Governor and Legislature on state goals and priorities for higher education. The bill would also create an advisory board consisting of legislators and others to be appointed by the Legislature to annually review the performance of this office, which would sunset by the end of 2020.

The call to improve postsecondary educational outcomes is laudable. The goals established by SB 195 in 2013—improving access and success, aligning degrees and credentials with the state's economic, workforce, and civic needs, and ensuring the effective and efficient use of resources—are still important measures that should guide us in developing higher education policies for the state.

While there is much work to be done to improve higher education, I am not convinced we need a new office and an advisory board, especially of the kind this bill proposes, to get the job done.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 7, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 291** without my signature.

This bill would amend the definition of “vulnerable communities” for the Office of Health Equity in the California Department of Public Health to include individuals who have experienced trauma related to genocide. The bill would also require the Department of Public Health as well as the Department of Health Care Services to involve these communities in their stakeholder work.

The definition of “vulnerable communities” already includes people with mental health conditions, immigrants, and refugees. No additional authority is necessary to ensure that both of these departments continue to consider the needs of all those who have suffered trauma related to genocide.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 7th day of October, 2015 at 2:46 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Brianna Bruns:

SB 42

SB 291

BERNADETTE MCNULTY  
Acting Secretary of the Senate

Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 8, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am signing Senate Bill 414, Assembly Bill 864, and Senate Bill 295 in order to more fully protect our inland and coastal communities and environments from the harm of oil spills.

The devastating effects from the oil spill this year in Santa Barbara County impacted birds, mammals, and other marine life, and caused the closure of beaches and fishing resulting in economic losses. Our coastline and surrounding environments contribute to the great and unique landscape of California. These bills improve planning for and prevention of oil spills and our response when spills occur.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor  
Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 8, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 229** without my signature.

This bill appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund for 12 new superior court judgeships and accompanying staff.

I am aware that the need for judges in many courts is acute—Riverside and San Bernardino are two clear examples. However, before funding any new positions, I intend to work with the Judicial Council to develop a more systemwide approach to balance the workload and the distribution of judgeships around the state.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor  
Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 8th day of October, 2015 at 4:44 p.m., of the following Senate Bill without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Brianna Bruns:

SB 229

BERNADETTE MCNULTY  
Acting Secretary of the Senate



Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 9, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 18**, Senate Bill 48, and Assembly Bill 825 without my signature.

These bills include various provisions to increase transparency and accessibility to the Public Utilities Commission. I support the intent of these bills and many of their proposed reforms, however some additional work is needed to ensure that they achieve their intended purposes and can be effectively implemented.

Allowing Bagley-Keene and Public Records Act lawsuits to be brought against the Commission by any interested party in Superior Court, rather than exclusively in the Courts of Appeal and the California Supreme Court, will only result in increased litigation and likely delay Commission decisionmaking. It will not improve public access to critical information about the actions of regulated entities. Amending Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code to require more information to be publicly available is a much better way to ensure that the public is provided with this information.

Moreover, the Commission needs sufficient funds to fully accomplish some of these reforms, such as holding more public meetings outside of San Francisco, shortening the timeframe for concluding formal ratesetting and quasi-legislative proceedings, and expanding the scope of the information required to be posted on the CPUC's web site. I am directing the Commission to work with the Legislature through the budget process to ensure the necessary funds are dedicated to accomplish these needed reforms.

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October 9, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 199** without my signature.

This bill would authorize, for blind In-Home Supportive Services recipients, up to two hours per month of assistance in completing financial documents.

Before considering any expansion in this program, the state must find a permanent funding source to support the hours and activities that are authorized under current law.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 9, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 249** without my signature.

This bill authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, allowing the department to issue "enhanced" driver's licenses, provisional licenses, and identification cards.

While I support the purpose of this bill to allow easier passage across certain borders within the Western Hemisphere, I believe that there are



other means, such as the U.S. Passport Card, that achieve the same goal without imposing new burdens on the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol

October 9, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 320** without my signature.

This bill would modify the Uniform Complaint Procedures for pupil fee complaints by creating unique timelines for these types of appeals.

Creating unique timelines for certain types of complaints makes the "Uniform Complaint Procedures" decidedly less uniform. I do not think we should pursue such a piecemeal approach.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol

October 9, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 334** without my signature.

This bill requires a school district that has a drinking water source that does not meet the Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standards to provide alternative drinking water to their students.

I agree that all California students should have access to safe drinking water but this bill creates a state mandate of uncertain but possibly very large magnitude.

As our first order of business, local schools should understand the nature of their water quality problem, if there is one. Accordingly, I am directing the State Water Resources Control Board to work with school districts and local public water systems to incorporate water quality testing in schools as part of their lead and copper rule. School districts should utilize this information to ensure all students are provided safe water.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 9, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 369** without my signature.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to add an indicator to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System to identify students of military families.

While California is strongly committed to supporting military families, I am not convinced how collecting state level data serves a useful purpose. Local school districts already identify students of military families and apply directly for federal grants based on local need.

This ever-relentless effort to collect and store more and more personal data in state computers should give us pause.

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Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 9, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 376** without my signature.

Senate Bill 376 seeks to bring wage and benefit parity to the University of California's contracted workers in specific job categories, such as custodial, clerical and food services, and other services associated with the University's medical enterprises. The bill touches several issues—from contracting out service industry work that could be performed by employees, to the pay and working conditions of contracted workers, to the need for more vigorous oversight of contract employers.

Without a doubt, these are all serious matters to consider, and they reflect the difficulty in balancing things we commonly value, such as increasing the wages of low-income workers and keeping operational costs down. It's worth noting that the University of California recently responded to criticisms of its wage and contracting practices with a plan to incrementally increase its minimum wage for both employees and contract workers, and a pledge to better oversee contracts generally.

The effort to provide increased compensation to those who work for UC—either directly or on a contract basis—is well-intentioned, but I'm not prepared to embrace the provisions of this bill.

I would caution the University, however, to provide a transparent accounting of its contracts and clearly demonstrate how the interests of all its lower paid workers are being protected.

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Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 9, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 660** and Assembly Bill 1023 without my signature.

These bills aim to improve the public accessibility and transparency in decisionmaking at the Public Utilities Commission.

There are many important and needed reforms in this package of bills. Unfortunately, taken together there are various technical and conflicting issues that make the over fifty proposed reforms unworkable. Some prudent prioritization is needed.

These reforms should include greater public access through technology improvements, incorporating public comments into the record, more Commission meetings outside of San Francisco, amending Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code to require more information to be publicly available, facilitating greater deliberation among Commissioners through Bagley-Keene reform to improve decisionmaking, and some tightening of the rules on ex-parte communications.

I am directing my office to work with the authors on drafting these reforms and to ensure the Commission receives the necessary resources to implement them swiftly and effectively.

Sincerely,

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Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 9th day of October, 2015 at 2:39 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Brianna Bruns:

SB 18	SB 48	SB 199
SB 249	SB 320	SB 334
SB 369	SB 376	SB 660

BERNADETTE MCNULTY  
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Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 10, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning the following nine bills without my signature:

Assembly Bill 35	Assembly Bill 88
Assembly Bill 99	Assembly Bill 428
Assembly Bill 437	Assembly Bill 515
Assembly Bill 931	<b>Senate Bill 251</b>
Senate Bill 377	

Each of these bills creates a new tax credit or expands an existing tax credit.

Despite strong revenue performance over the past few years, the state's budget has remained precariously balanced due to unexpected costs and the

provision of new services. Now, without the extension of the managed care organization tax that I called for in special session, next year's budget faces the prospect of over \$1 billion in cuts.

Given these financial uncertainties, I cannot support providing additional tax credits that will make balancing the state's budget even more difficult. Tax credits, like new spending on programs, need to be considered comprehensively as part of the budget deliberations.

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SB 251

SB 377

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*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 119** without my signature.

This bill would create the California Underground Facilities Safe Excavation Advisory Committee, within the Contractors' State Licensing Board, in order to enforce existing and new provisions related to safe excavation.

I understand that the telecommunications and cable companies have resisted providing explicit enforcement authority to the Public Utilities Commission over excavation safety. However, it is the Public Utilities Commission, and not the Contractors' State Licensing Board, that has the technical expertise and funds and should be given full authority to enforce and regulate excavation activities near subsurface installations.

This is a matter of public safety, and I look forward to working closely with the author to achieve our mutual goal.

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*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 292** without my signature.

This bill exempts certain employees from making pension contributions if they work in a city or county that receives parcel tax revenue designated for pension costs.

I believe the cost-sharing requirements in the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 are unrelated to whether a city or county has an existing parcel tax for pensions. The employee share-of-cost is a crucial standard that must be retained. I am unwilling to chip away at this reform.

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*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 599** without my signature.

This bill expands a local bid preference requirement to the state for public transit services.

By simply expanding this local requirement to the state, this bill would significantly limit the state's current contracting authority to determine who would be eligible for the bid preference and how to calculate it if applied. I do not believe such a broad change is needed at this time.

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*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning the following six bills without my signature:

Assembly Bill 50	Assembly Bill 858
Assembly Bill 1162	Assembly Bill 1231
Assembly Bill 1261	<b>Senate Bill 610</b>

These bills unnecessarily codify certain existing health care benefits or require the expansion or development of new benefits and procedures in the Medi-Cal program.

Taken together, these bills would require new spending at a time when there is considerable uncertainty in the funding of this program. Until the fiscal outlook for Medi-Cal is stabilized, I cannot support any of these measures.

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Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 10, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 686** without my signature.

This bill provides full collective bargaining rights under the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act to University of California and Hastings College of the Law supervisory peace officers.

I vetoed a similar bill, SB 765, in 2013, out of a concern that it blurred the line between labor and management. Nothing has changed.

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October 10, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

Senate Bill 27 addresses an urgent public health problem. The science is clear that the overuse of antibiotics in livestock has contributed to the spread of antibiotic resistance and the undermining of decades of life-saving advances in medicine.

Recently, American poultry producers have shown leadership by voluntarily committing to better husbandry practices and eliminating the subtherapeutic use of antibiotics. This is an example that the rest of the livestock industry should follow.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor



Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 11, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 406** without my signature.

This bill expands the circumstances under which a qualified employee may take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave under the California Family Rights Act.

I support the author's efforts to ensure that eligible workers can take leave to care for a seriously ill family member. The expansion provided in this bill, however, creates a disparity between California's law and the Federal Medical Leave Act and, in certain circumstances, could require employers to provide employees up to 24 weeks of family leave in a 12 month period. I am open to legislation to allow workers to take leave for additional family members that does not create this anomaly.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 11, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 475** without my signature.

This bill would change the way Continuing Care Retirement Communities repay a resident's entrance fee under the purchase contract, and establish interest penalties if repayment is not made and the unit has not been resold within a time certain. The bill would also establish a process at the Department of Social Services to investigate whether a good faith effort was made to resell the unit.

As California's aging population continues to grow, the need for elder care and housing options will also increase. One of the options is Continuing Care Retirement Communities, which provide retirees with housing and varying levels of care and services throughout the remainder of their lives.

While it is important that residents who buy into these communities be treated fairly, this bill would change the terms of contracts entered into by willing participants. It would also insert the department into the resolution of contract disputes. For these reasons, I am not signing this bill.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 11, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 539** without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the naming of any school, park, building, or other public property after certain persons associated with the Confederate States of America.

Recently we saw a national movement to remove the confederate flag from State Capitols in the South—a long overdue action. This bill, however, strikes me as different and an issue quintessentially for local decisionmakers.

As far as we know, only two schools, and a street in Stockton would be affected by this law. Existing local processes provide for the naming or re-naming of public facilities, and in several cases local residents have voiced their opposition and have succeeded in re-naming schools and other public property.

Local governments are laboratories of democracy which, under most circumstances, are quite capable of deciding for themselves which of their buildings and parks should be named, and after whom.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 11, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

Senate Bill 548 establishes training requirements for both licensed and license-exempt family child care providers and requires both the Department of Social Services and the Department of Education to collect and deliver providers' personal information to provider organizations, upon their request.

I am returning **Senate Bill 548** without my signature, because the bill prematurely anticipates what will be necessary to comply with the new federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014.

California will need to be in compliance with an abundance of new requirements, not all of which are clear at this juncture. The Department of Education is currently working with stakeholders to update our state's plan, to be submitted by March 1, 2016, after further federal guidance is issued. Public input will be sought prior to the finalization of the plan.

As part of that work, I will direct the State Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care to work with the department and review how the state can best position itself to meet those requirements efficiently and effectively, including the delivery of any training.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol  
October 11, 2015

*To the Members of the California State Senate:*

I am returning **Senate Bill 682** without my signature.

This bill requires trial courts to meet specified standards when entering into personal service contracts, and provide an analysis of all such contracts, to the Legislature.

I agree with the author that decisions to change the way court services are provided should be carefully evaluated to ensure they are both fair and cost-effective. However, this measure goes too far. It requires California's courts to meet overly detailed and in some cases nearly impossible requirements when entering into or renewing certain contracts. Other provisions are unclear and will lead to confusion about what services may or may not be subject to this measure.

The courts, like many of our governmental agencies, are under tremendous funding pressure and face the challenge of doing their work at a lower cost. I am unwilling to restrict the flexibility of our courts, as specified in this bill, as they face these challenges.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

**Receipt of Bills**

I acknowledge receipt this 11th day of October, 2015 at 11:33 a.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Brianna Bruns:

SB 406  
SB 548

SB 475  
SB 682

SB 539

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Acting Secretary of the Senate

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