



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1697 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Industrial Relations to establish an anti-fraud unit within the Division of Workers' Compensation and requires the unit to develop data analytic processes to identify sources and the magnitude of fraudulent activity.

The work required by this measure is already underway. Additionally, the bill would require the Department to reveal sensitive details about its enforcement practices. This will compromise the state's efforts to combat workers' compensation fraud, a result that nobody wants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.