



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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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.