

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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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.