



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2614 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Natural Resources Agency to implement a program to increase participation in outdoor recreational activities, especially for people living in disadvantaged communities.

Under current law, several departments within the California Natural Resources Agency administer programs that expand outdoor recreation. Moreover, the 2018 Budget Act sets aside \$277 million for grants to local government and nonprofits to accomplish the same goal.

I agree that these outdoor programs are very important, but these are best targeted and most beneficial when done at the local level. Finally, it would be prudent to see how the recreational grant program unfolds before adding the new state role required by this bill.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.