



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 267 without my signature.

This measure would prohibit employment contracts that require California employees to agree to the use of legal forums and laws of other states.

Current law prohibits California employees from being subjected to laws or forums that substantially diminish their rights under our laws and I have not seen convincing evidence that these protections are insufficient to protect employees in California.

Finally, I would note that imposing this burden could deter out of state companies from hiring Californians – something we can ill afford at this time of high unemployment.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.