



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 878 without my signature.

This bill would establish an independent office of the Transportation General to oversee the Department of Transportation, the High Speed Rail Authority, and all other state, regional, and local agencies expending state transportation funds.

The Department of Transportation and local transportation agencies already are subject to performance reviews and fiscal audits by state and federal auditors, by the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Department of Finance, and of course the Transportation Committees of the Legislature. Rather than creating a new, costly state office, let's use the resources we already have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", written over a printed name.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.