



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 429 without my signature.

This bill requires state agencies to provide a bid preference for California products when contracting for lumber and solid wood products.

In recent years I have signed sweeping reforms into law that have reduced fees and regulatory burdens on California's forestry industry. These reforms have helped the industry compete on a level playing field.

While I encourage the purchase of California products, especially when price and quality are equal, this bill could invite costly legal challenges for little benefit. For this reason I cannot sign it.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.