



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1223 without my signature. While I support efforts to inform veterans about the health care options that best meet their needs, current law already requires screening of Medi-Cal beneficiaries for veteran status and allows for expansion of the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) data match project beyond the current pilot counties.

Rather than requiring the PARIS pilot project to be implemented statewide, more effort should go into understanding which health care benefits work best for veterans, and how that outreach can be most effective before expending additional resources statewide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.