



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2198 without my signature.

This bill would require certain mental health professionals to complete a training program in "suicide assessment, treatment, and management."

California has an extensive regulatory scheme that aims to ensure that California physicians, psychologists and counselors are skilled in the healing arts to which they have committed their lives. Rather than further legislating in this field, I would ask our licensing boards to evaluate the issues which this bill raises and take whatever actions are needed.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.