



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2279 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Health Care Services to annually compile and publicly report financial data and program information from counties on their Mental Health Services Act expenditures.

The department is already in the process of collecting and posting county revenue and expenditure reports as well as updated three year program expenditure plans, which will provide much of the information outlined in this bill. I encourage the Legislature and interested stakeholders to continue to work with the department to identify useful information that can be integrated into the existing reports to improve transparency and accountability in the use of these funds.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.