



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 322 without my signature.

This measure would establish a new pilot program and require the Department of Justice to test all rape kits collected from 10 specified counties. These counties, however, don't wish to participate in the program.

I don't see why we would mandate counties to participate in a program they don't want, especially when the state is cutting back on so many programs that are needed and wanted.

Local officials are in the best position to determine whether to participate in such a program.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.