



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 571 without my signature.

This bill would appropriate \$5 million annually from the General Fund to the Department of Food and Agriculture to support research and programs to combat citrus disease and vectors in California.

While I am acutely aware of the devastating effects of the Asian citrus psyllid and its vector Huanglongbing, this program has mostly been funded by the citrus industry and the federal government. If the current support is inadequate, let's review our options during the budget process.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.