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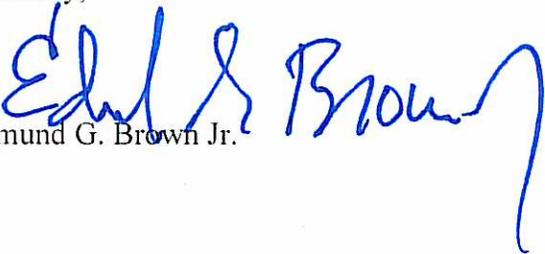
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1233 without my signature.

Before the proponents of an initiative circulate petitions to qualify a measure for the ballot, they must request a title and summary from the Attorney General. This bill would in addition require the Attorney General to prepare the circulating titles and summaries for all initiative measures in multiple languages regardless of their qualification status.

The provisions of this bill are well intended. Unfortunately, however, they add substantial burdens to the petition process without commensurate benefit. I would also note that the vast majority of initiatives submitted to the Attorney General's Office never get to the circulation stage.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.