

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 299 without my signature.

Last year I vetoed a nearly identical bill, SB 1366, noting that I was not convinced that criminalizing the failure to report a lost or stolen firearm would improve identification of gun traffickers or help law enforcement disarm people prohibited from possessing guns. I continue to believe that responsible people report the loss or theft of a firearm and irresponsible people do not. I remain skeptical that this bill would change those behaviors.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.