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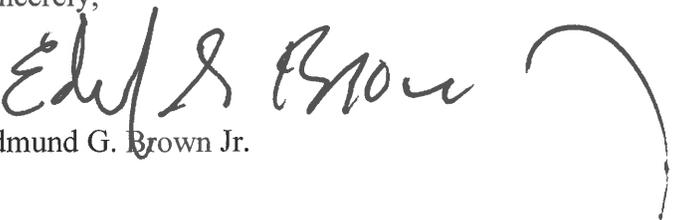
To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 481 without my signature.

This bill prohibits the general counsel of a city, county, or district from having direct oversight of internal audit staff.

I commend the author's objective to secure the public's access to local agency audits. However, there may be legitimate reasons for local agencies to have their general counsels oversee certain audits and I believe it is most appropriate to allow local governments to determine the level of oversight that best meets their unique civic needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.