



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 201 without my signature.

This measure would authorize superior courts to establish dedicated programs to serve eligible veterans of the United States military. While the provisions of this bill are well-intended, they create a clear expectation that our courts—already struggling with painful budget cuts--will establish a new program.

Given current budgetary constraints, the decision to adopt this kind of program—something already within the courts' authority--is better left to the sound discretion of the judiciary.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.