



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning Assembly Bill 1857 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Building Standards Commission to convene a working group to evaluate the creation of a new standard to minimize structural building damage from earthquakes.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology is in the initial stages of developing an immediate occupancy standard for buildings following a natural disaster. This federal agency is consulting engineers, scientist, and other experts to understand the changes needed to ensure that a building can be used immediately after a natural disaster.

Instead of duplicating this federal process at the state level, it would be wise to allow the Institute to finish its work.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.