



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 467 without my signature.

This bill would allow recipients of Proposition 84 groundwater clean-up funds to leverage those funds by removing the requirement of having to pay back those state funds when they recover funding from parties responsible for the contamination, if they used the recovered funds for continued clean-up of their groundwater.

I support the leveraging of all available funding by ensuring that recovered funds are effectively used in the jurisdictions that recover them. Unfortunately, the structure that was developed is cumbersome and inefficient. I am directing the Department of Public Health and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, to once again work with the Legislature to develop a more streamlined way to reinvest these funds.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.