



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 649 without my signature.

This bill establishes a uniform permitting process for small cell wireless equipment and fixes the rates local governments may charge for placement of that equipment on city or county owned property, such as streetlights and traffic signal poles.

There is something of real value in having a process that results in extending this innovative technology rapidly and efficiently. Nevertheless, I believe that the interest which localities have in managing rights of way requires a more balanced solution than the one achieved in this bill.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.