California Rejects New Retail Restrictions

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A bill that placed new requirements on big-box supercenters was vetoed by California Governor Jerry Brown.

Senate Bill 469 required developers of large retail outlets to produce a detailed economic-impact report explaining how the store might affect local property values and existing businesses.

In his veto message, Gov. Brown said, “While I recognize that the merits of large-scale projects need to be carefully considered, plenty of laws are already on the books that enable and in some cases require cities and counties to carefully assess whether these projects are in a community’s best interest. This bill would add yet another layer of review to an already cumbersome process.”