March 10, 2010

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 148

The Honorable Ben Luján and Members of the House of Representatives State Capitol Bldg. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable Speaker Luján and Members of the House:

I have this day SIGNED:

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 68, with emergency clause, (hereinafter referenced as "HEC/HB 68"), which was enacted during the Forty-Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2010, except the following item or items, part or parts, which I hereby veto pursuant to the authority granted me in Article IV, Section 22 of the Constitution of New Mexico:

On page 1, line 6, I have vetoed beginning with "TO" through the end of the line and all of line 7.

On page 12, line 5, I have vetoed "or (11)".

On page 15, line 4, I have vetoed "or (11)".

On page 22, line 21, I have vetoed "; and" and all of lines 22 through 25, and on page 23, I have vetoed all of lines 1 through 10 and on line 11, "use of state money".

On page 27, I have vetoed all of lines 15 through 25, on page 28, I have vetoed all of lines 1 through 25, and on page 29, I have vetoed all of lines 1 through 13, being the entirety of Section 3 of HEC/HB 68.

As with Laws 2009, Chapter 258, I have once again exercised my constitutional authority to preserve the purpose of the Public School Capital Outlay Act, which is to ensure a standards-based, equitable distribution of capital to New Mexico's schools so that our students can learn in safe, functional, and durable school facilities. The provisions that I have vetoed would have allowed for funding of certain public high school facilities above current statewide adequacy

standards. Furthering the damage to the integrity of the standards-based system, such above-adequacy funding would delay funding for other schools to bring them up to adequacy standards. This, I believe, is contrary to the standards-based system that has proven to be so successful. Diverting money from projects needed to bring schools to adequacy standards is particularly questionable in times such as these, when capital outlay dollars are scarce. For these reasons, I have vetoed the provisions of the bill specified above.

Chief Clerk of the House

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