

March 9, 2016

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 152

The Honorable Don L. Tripp, Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Honorable Speaker Tripp and Members of the House:

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, Article IV, Section 22, I hereby VETO and return HOUSE BILL 70, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Session, 2016.

While I am sympathetic to the intent of this legislation, and while assisted listening technologies—such as telecoil and loop technology—can be of high value to individuals who experience hearing loss, I am concerned about the widespread disagreement over this bill among members of the hard-of-hearing community and those who assist it. The lack of consensus about the best solution to this problem is apparent, and I am also concerned about mandating in statute specific standards of care, specific technologies that must be presented to patients, and specific conduct for audiologists and hearing aid dispensers.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez
Governor

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