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HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 144

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Honorable Speaker Egolf 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 151, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, Second Session, 2018.

Like last year's version of the same bill, House Bill 151 was filed and passed with the best of intentions: to close achievement gaps for our Native American students. However, also like last year's bill, this legislation remains an unfunded mandate.

HB 151 requires unspecified school districts to provide potentially costly programming and services, but contains no appropriation and offers no guidance on best practices or on how to measure progress. New Mexico's Native American students deserve better than the hollow support of vague programs that aren't even backed by a budget.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez
Governor

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