SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 49

The Honorable Mary K. Papen
President Pro Tempore
New Mexico Senate
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear President Pro Tempore Papen and Members of the Senate:

I am pleased to sign SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 536 ('Senate Bill 536') and enact into law funding for state agency projects and supplemental investments throughout New Mexico. Sound investment of public funds is essential for the State's economic growth, protection of New Mexico's natural resources, and the quality of life of New Mexico communities. This bill funds more than $27.4 million in projects, including nearly $2.2 million for the judiciary, $4.8 million for health related services including sexual assault and school based health centers, $7.9 million dollars for higher education and $3.2 million for public education including media literacy programs for teachers, career technical education, and dyslexia training for teachers.

While Senate Bill 536 does much to address our State's supplemental needs, the bill includes several projects that lack proper planning or are not ready to proceed. It is necessary and fiscally prudent to veto some projects that might otherwise have merit. For these and other reasons, I have vetoed $2.8 million in projects, 9.4 percent of the total appropriations provided for in Senate Bill 536.

In some instances I have exercised the power that Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution confers on me to disapprove "any part or parts" of Senate Bill 536. N.M. Const. Art. IV, § 22. I have done so to remove unduly or unnecessarily restrictive language on decisions well within the agencies' executive discretion, to ensure funds are appropriated to the correct fiscal agent, to make certain that capital outlay monies are sufficient to fund corresponding public projects, and to preclude any potential violations of the Anti-Donation Clause of Article IX, Section 14 of the New Mexico Constitution.

Accordingly, I this day SIGN and RETURN:

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 536, with emergency clause, which was enacted during the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, First Session, 2019, 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 New Mexico Constitution:

On page 3, on line 23, I have vetoed the words "office furniture and".

On page 4, on line 1, I have vetoed the words "office furniture and".
On page 4, line 8, I have vetoed the words "; and", lines 9 and 10, and, on line 11, from the word "district" through "office".

On page 5, I have vetoed lines 12 through 14.

On page 5, I have vetoed lines 15 through 18.

On page 8, I have vetoed lines 1 through 3.

On page 8, I have vetoed lines 13 through 17.

On page 8, I have vetoed lines 24 and 25 and, on page 9, line 1.

On page 9, I have vetoed lines 2 through 5.

On page 9, I have vetoed lines 9 through 11.

On page 9, I have vetoed lines 21 through 23.

On page 12, I have vetoed lines 4 through 6.

On page 13, I have vetoed lines 20 through 23.

On page 14, line 1, I have vetoed the word "; and", lines 2 through 5, and, on line 6, from "Hispanic" through "center".

On page 15, I have vetoed lines 11 through 14.

On page 16, line 11, beginning with the ";" I have vetoed the remainder of the line, and I have vetoed all of lines 12 through 14, and, on line 15, I have vetoed through the word "legislature".

On page 17, beginning on line 23, I have vetoed the word "for", and on line 24, I have vetoed the word "La" through the word "Felicidad".

On page 17, I have vetoed line 25, and, on page 18, line 1.

On page 20, I have vetoed lines 16 through 18.

On page 23, I have vetoed lines 3 through 5.

On page 23, line 10, beginning with the word "and" I have vetoed the remainder of the line and on line 11, I have vetoed through the word "enrollment".

On page 24, I have vetoed lines 19 through 22.

On page 25, I have vetoed lines 1 through 3 and, on line 4, from the word "improve" through the word "experience;".

On page 26, line 3, I have vetoed through the first comma.

On page 29, I have vetoed lines 17 through 19.

On page 29, line 24, I have vetoed from the word "to" through the word "fund".

On page 30, I have vetoed lines 9 through 11.

On page 31, I have vetoed lines 20 and 21 and, on line 22, from the word "salaries" through the word "benefits;".

On page 33, line 15, beginning with the ";" I have vetoed the remainder of the line, and I have vetoed all of lines 16 through 19, and on line 20, I have vetoed through the word "assistance".

On page 36, line 25, I have vetoed the word "within", and on page 37, I have vetoed all of lines 1 and 2, and on line 3, I have vetoed the word "technology".

On page 38, I have vetoed lines 19 through 21.

On page 41, I have vetoed lines 13 through 15.

On page 44, line 13, I have vetoed from the word "an" through the word "support" and, on line 14, from the word "program" through the word "in".

On page 45, line 22, I have vetoed the words "supportive housing and" and "for pregnant and", and, on line 23, the words "parenting teens".

On page 48, line 12, I have vetoed the words "with a nonprofit organization".

On page 50, I have vetoed all of lines 11 through 13.

On page 51, line 15, I have vetoed the words "and general".

On page 52, line 2, I have vetoed the words "and general operations".

On page 52, line 24, I have vetoed from the word "at" through the word "university".

On page 53, I have vetoed all of lines 2 through 9.

On page 53, line 18, beginning with the word "ethnic", I have vetoed the remainder of the line, and I have vetoed all of lines 19 through 20, and on line 21, I have vetoed through "4.0".

On page 54, line 19, I have vetoed from the word "create" through the word "of".

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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