

April 9, 2021

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 33

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore  
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

I have decided to veto Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 375, as amended (“SB 375”), which would have, among other things, amended provisions of the Law Enforcement Training Act to redefine the composition of the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Board (the “Board”) by eliminating many of the Board’s members—including two citizen members unaffiliated with law enforcement. Eliminating these members would insulate the Board from any civilian oversight, a necessary accountability measure. While I support many of the other proposed amendments, I cannot support SB 375 due to this provision. The Board must continue to have civilian oversight.

For these reasons, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute for SENATE BILL 375, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Fifth Legislature, First Session.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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