

March 9, 2022

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 41

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

Dear Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

I have decided to veto HOUSE COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 134, as amended (“HB 134”), which would have reinstated the Sports Authority Division of the Tourism Department and changed the membership of the Sports Advisory Committee. Disappointingly, the Legislature failed to provide funding to administer the Division. On top of this, HB 134 would usurp the Governor’s authority to appoint and remove members of the Sports Advisory Committee. Delegating this authority to another—even someone appointed by the Governor—is unacceptable. Consideration will be given to the State’s ability to foster the growth of sports in other, more efficient ways without the administrative burdens of another division and committee. New Mexico will continue its work to attract premier entertainment to the state, including professional sports.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 134, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Fifth Legislature, Second Session, 2022.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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Secretary of State

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Chief Clerk of the House