

March 16, 2023

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 8

The Honorable Javier Martinez, Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Speaker Martinez and Members of the House:

I have decided to veto HOUSE BILL 125, as amended (“HB 125”), which would have created a task force to examine dual credit programming in public education.

A New Mexico Public Education Department (“PED”) rule has already created a Dual Credit Council to which the Higher Education Department and PED both have input. The existing Council’s scope is currently narrower than what HB 125 proposes, but it could easily be expanded to encompass the areas of study in HB 125.

Additionally, this bill does not contain an appropriation. The bill requires appointment to, and participation in, the task force by members representing state departments and school district administrators. HB 125 requires the group to conduct a major study and develop a comprehensive report within six months. This is too great a burden both financially and in terms of expenditure of staff resources.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 125, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2023.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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