

April 11, 2025

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 20

The Honorable Javier Martínez, Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable Speaker Martínez and Members of the House:

I have decided to veto HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 120 (“HB 120”), which would have required state agencies to meet the physical and digital accessibility standards set by the United States Department of Justice pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”).

I wholeheartedly support the efforts to ensure that our state buildings and websites are accessible to everyone, regardless of disability. This is why my Administration is already complying with the applicable ADA standards. Indeed, I directed my chief-of-staff to send out a memorandum earlier this year to state agencies requiring them to conduct regular reviews of their facilities to confirm they are accessible and ensure that their mobile apps and websites comply with the digital accessibility standards set by the Department of Justice. Pursuant to this direction, agencies must submit a written report to my Office no later than July 1, 2025, confirming the status of their compliance review and any corrective measures taken or planned. Given this, there is no need for HB 120; enacting it into law will only disrupt the process that my Administration has already established to ensure accessibility.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 120, enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025. I encourage the Legislature to fine-tune this legislation for the 2026 legislative session.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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