

April 11, 2025

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 22

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 BILL 181, which would have amended the Accountability in Government Act with the goal of increasing transparency and accountability in the use of the Government Results and Opportunity Expendable Trust (“GRO Trust”).

I am vetoing this bill because it does not achieve its stated goal of increasing transparency and accountability in the use of GRO Trust funds. When the GRO Trust was established, I agreed with the Legislature that there should be standard ways to conduct pilot programs and evaluate their impact. This bill does mandate extensive planning, data collection, and reporting—but it does so without any funding for such efforts. Compliance with these requirements will create a significant administrative burden on agencies and will require dedicated full-time employees. I also disagree on a fundamental level with the notion that the part-time Legislative Finance Committee should have ongoing oversight regarding plan development and budget oversight, which is an executive function already accomplished by the Department of Finance and Administration’s State Budget Division. Agencies will, of course, continue to cooperate with all legislative committees on their requests for information. However, I simply do not agree that they should be involved in day-to-day decision making within executive agencies.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 181, enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House