

March 7, 2018

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 149

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

Honorable Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, Article IV, Section 22, I hereby VETO and return HOUSE BILL 160, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, Second Session, 2018.

As I have said previously, although I understand the intent of this legislation and support meaningful efforts to reduce recidivism, this bill is unnecessary and burdensome. The Behavioral Health Services Division of the Human Services Department (“BHSD”) already provides the types of services contemplated by House Bill 160 (“HB 160”) to many justice-involved adults. Additionally, the broad, undefined language utilized in HB 160—combined with the requirement that the BHSD create, implement, and continually evaluate a statewide framework—results in an unfunded mandate on the BHSD.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez  
Governor

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