

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 33

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:

I am pleased to sign HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 548 (“House Bill 548”) and enact into law funding for state agency projects and supplemental investments throughout New Mexico. Sound investment of public funds is essential for the State’s economic growth, protection of New Mexico’s natural resources, and the quality of life of New Mexico communities. This bill funds more than \$28.4 million in projects, including nearly \$1 million in economic development and tourism, \$1.1 million in agriculture, energy and natural resources, and \$1 million for public safety and transportation projects.

While House Bill 548 does much to address our State’s supplemental needs, the bill includes several projects that lack proper planning or are not ready to proceed. It is necessary and fiscally prudent to veto some projects that might otherwise have merit. For these and other reasons, I have vetoed \$2 million in projects, 6.5 percent of the total appropriations provided for in House Bill 548.

In some instances I have exercised the power that Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution confers on me to disapprove “any part or parts” of House Bill 548. N.M. Const. Art. IV, § 22. I have done so to remove unduly or unnecessarily restrictive language on decisions well within the agencies’ executive discretion, to ensure funds are appropriated to the correct fiscal agent, to make certain that capital outlay monies are sufficient to fund corresponding public projects, and to preclude any potential violations of the Anti-Donation Clause of Article IX, Section 14 of the New Mexico Constitution.

Accordingly, I this day SIGN and RETURN:

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 548, as amended, which was enacted during the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, First Session,

2019, except the following item or items, part or parts, which I hereby veto pursuant to the authority granted me in Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution:

On page 2, I have vetoed line 2 and, on line 3, the word “furniture;”.

On page 2, line 5, beginning with the “;” I have vetoed the remainder of the line, all of lines 6 and 7, and line 8 beginning with the word “twelfth” through “court”.

On page 5, I have vetoed lines 1 through 3.

On page 5, line 9, I have vetoed the word “to”, and line 10, beginning with the word “contract” through the word “organization”.

On page 6, I have vetoed lines 23 through 25.

On page 10, line 4, I have vetoed the semicolon “;” and lines 5 and 6.

On page 10, I have vetoed lines 7 and, on line 8, from the word “for” through the word “program”.

On page 12, line 8, I have vetoed the words “for a summit”, on line 9, from the word “and” to the word “women”, and, on line 10, the words “in business”.

On page 12, I have vetoed lines 11 through 13.

On page 13, line 23, I have vetoed from the word “to” through the word “network”.

On page 14, line 11, I have vetoed the words “mental illness and” and the word “classes” and, on line 12, from the word “through” through the word “division”.

On page 14, line 21, I have vetoed the word “nonprofit”.

On page 14, line 24, I have vetoed the word “nonprofit”.

On page 15, line 2, I have vetoed the words “for data collection and” and “oversight” and, on line 3, the word “of”.

On page 15, I have vetoed lines 4 through 7.

On page 15, line 9, I have vetoed beginning with the word “the” through “institute’s”.

On page 15, line 13, I have vetoed the word “immigrant”. The vetoed language would have required a fraught and unnecessary determination into children’s immigration status to provide those children with health care.

On page 15, line 18, I have vetoed the words “at the Phoenix house”.

On page 16, line 3, I have vetoed the word “pilot”.

On page 16, line 10, I have vetoed the word “full-time”.

On page 19, I have vetoed lines 17 through 21.

On page 21, line 12, I have vetoed the word “Latino”.

On page 23, I have vetoed line 25 and, on page 24, lines 1 and 2.

On page 24, line 6, I have vetoed the word “the” and, on line 7, I have vetoed the word “department”.

On page 24, I have vetoed lines 21 through 22.

On page 25, line 12, I have vetoed the words “the New Mexico” and “authority”.

On page 30, I have vetoed lines 23 through 25 and, on page 31, lines 1 through 6.

On page 32, I have vetoed lines 7 through 13.

On page 33, I have vetoed lines 6 and 7 and, on line 8, the words “time employee;”.

On page 34, I have vetoed lines 14 through 16.

On page 34, line 23, I have vetoed the word “northern”.

On page 37, line 16, I have vetoed beginning with the word “for” through “staff”.

On page 38, I have vetoed line 8, beginning with the semicolon “;” through the word “and”, and I have vetoed lines 9 and 10 and, on line 11, from the word “transportation” through the word “team”.

On page 38, I have vetoed lines 22 through 24.

On page 39, line 13, beginning with the “;” I have vetoed the remainder of the line, all of line 14 and line 15 beginning with the word “the” through “partnership”.

On page 39, I have vetoed all of lines 19 through 25 and, on page 40, line 1.

On page 41, line 22, I have vetoed the words “Title 7”.

On page 44, line 3, beginning with the “;” I have vetoed the remainder of the line and all of lines 4 and 5.

On page 44, I have vetoed line 6 and line 7 beginning with the word “Grant” through “council”.

On page 45, I have vetoed lines 13 through 16.

On page 46, line 5, I have vetoed the words “mental illness and”.

On page 46, line 7, I have vetoed the words “after school”.

On page 50, I have vetoed lines 1 through 5.

On page 50, line 18, I have vetoed the words “in the Alamogordo public school” and, on line 19, the word “district”.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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Secretary of State

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Chief Clerk of the Senate