

March 11, 2026

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 90

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore
And Members of the New Mexico Senate
State Capital Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

President Pro Tempore Stewart and Member of the Senate:

I am pleased to sign SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 273, as amended (“SB 273”), with various line-item vetoes made pursuant to Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution. This legislation makes appropriations for certain cities and counties, the Children, Youth and Families Department, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Aging and Long-Term Services Department, and the Department of Transportation.

I support SB 273’s overall purpose and appropriations. However, there are specific portions of the bill that will hamper our ability to effectively implement the legislation and accomplish the Legislature’s intent.

Accordingly, I this day SIGN and RETURN:

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 273, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, Second Session, 2026, except for the item or items, part or parts, which I hereby veto under the authority granted in Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico State Constitution:

On page 1, I have vetoed the word “MONTHLY” on line 16. On page 2, I have vetoed the words “Each” on line 4, all of line 5, the words and punctuation “equal to one-twelfth of the amount appropriated.” on line 6, and the words “at the end of each month and” on line 7. The vetoed language improperly interferes with executive managerial functions and prevents the agency from using the full appropriation to implement the legislative purpose.

On page 5, I have vetoed the words and punctuation “past, present and future” on line 16. The vetoed language unduly restricts the executive’s ability to engage in negotiations with the Zia Pueblo for use of the Zia symbol.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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Secretary of State

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Chief Clerk of the Senate