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HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 14

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 42, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Third Legislature, First Session, 2017.

While I support the use of a variety of instructional materials to include digital learning resources and primary source material, HB 42 would allow school districts to use their entire annual distribution of funds to purchase instructional materials that have not been vetted for current, quality content that aligns with our state's standards and assessments. This bill would lower standards of learning, which is completely unacceptable, and would result in high costs to school districts to evaluate materials and negotiate more costly agreements for instructional materials.

For these reasons, I veto HB 42, as amended.

Respectfully yours,

Susana Martinez
Governor

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