

April 9, 2021

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 31

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

Dear President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

I have decided to veto Senate Bill 328 (“SB 328”), which would have repealed the six-year limitation on a water and sanitation gross receipts tax thereby allowing the tax to continue indefinitely. The imposition of the water and sanitation gross receipts tax was first decided amongst voters in counties with water and sanitation districts. During those elections, each community approved the tax with the understanding it would only be imposed for six years. Terminating the six-year limitation of the tax through Senate Bill 328 would therefore usurp the will of the voters. The decision to reinstate a water and sanitation gross receipts tax should continue to be made by voters in counties with water and sanitation districts.

For these reasons, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed SENATE BILL 328, enacted by the Fifty-Fifth Legislature, First Session.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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