

April 7, 2023

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 22

The Honorable Javier Martinez, Speaker of the House and  
Members of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Speaker Martinez and Members of the House:

I have decided to veto HOUSE BILL 216, as amended (“HB 216”), which would expand the Legislative Education Study Committee’s (“LESC”) duty to study issues relating to education, including many pertinent to higher education and early childhood education. I support all efforts to better New Mexico’s education system. However, HB 216 would be an inefficient use of government resources and duplication of studies; the Higher Education Department and the Early Childhood Education and Care Department already perform robust studies of higher and early childhood education. Moreover, both agencies regularly report to the LESC.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 216, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2023.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House