

April 7, 2023

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 25

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 GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS AND INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 512 (“HB 512”), which would exempt counties from the requirements applicable to local public bodies for the sale or other disposal of public property—including the requirement that the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration approve of sales and dispositions of particularly valuable property. I understand the intent behind HB 512 is to provide parity between counties and municipalities, the latter of which is exempt from this oversight. However, the State should have *more*—not *less*—oversight of local public bodies’ sales and dispositions of public property, which is an area prone to abuse and corruption. Rather than exempt counties to match municipalities lack of oversight, we should include municipalities to match the oversight of counties.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS AND INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 512, 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