

## State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor

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## HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 66

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and Members of the House of Representatives State Capitol Building Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution, I am authorizing for your consideration during the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, Second Session, submission of House Bill 325, which changes the Criminal Offender Employment Act to expand the list of criminal records that cannot be considered in an application for public employment or licensure; requires public agencies to promulgate rules identifying mitigating circumstances and disqualifying criminal convictions; establishes employment or licensure eligibility considerations for applicants with criminal records; requires notice of disqualifying events and an applicant's right to challenge or provide justification of disqualifying events; requires annual reporting of the number of applicants with potentially disqualifying criminal convictions; and amends the Uniform Licensing Act to align with the Criminal Offender Employment Act.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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Chief Clerk of the House