



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

February 6, 2020

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 62

The Honorable Mary Kay Papen, President Pro Tempore and
Members of the New Mexico State Senate
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear President Pro Tempore Papen and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution and in compliance with Section 2-6-1 NMSA 1978, I am authorizing and referring for your consideration during the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, Second Session, submission of a bill bearing Legislative Council Service drafting number .217364, relating to higher education; creating the Opportunity Scholarship Act; Creating the Opportunity Scholarship Fund; making an appropriation.

There is a necessity to refer the above-described bill because of the student debt and the tuition costs that are currently being incurred by thousands of New Mexicans. Mounting debts and costs are having a prohibitive effect on the ability of these students to access educational opportunities and they are also consequently reducing access to economic opportunities. These urgent issues should be addressed immediately.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Lujan Grisham".

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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By Lucille V. Martinez
for Chief Clerk of the Senate

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