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Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

March 11, 2020

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 85

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:

I have decided to veto House Bill 45 ("HB 45"), which would have increased employee and employer contribution rates to the Retiree Health Care Fund. HB 45 places additional financial burdens on agencies without any accompanying appropriations. Those additional burdens will hinder the ability of our agencies to decrease existing vacancy rates so that those agencies may better serve all New Mexicans.

For these reasons, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 45, as amended with certificate of correction, enacted by the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, Second Session.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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By Secretary of State
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