



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

January 25, 2022

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 21

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-Fifth Legislature, Second Session, submission of HOUSE BILL 135, a bill enacting the Indian Family Protection Act; consolidating provisions specific to child custody proceedings involving Indian children into the Indian Family Protection Act; providing additional requirements governing child custody proceedings involving Indian children; requiring a cultural component in case plans in abuse and neglect proceedings; creating the Office of Tribal Affairs within the Children, Youth and Families Department; amending various related sections of the Children's Code, the Abuse and Neglect Act, the Adoption Act, and the Kinship Guardianship Act; and repealing NMSA 1978, Section 32A-1-14 and NMSA 1978, Section 32A-3B-6.1.

Respectfully yours,

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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By Adeleide Olney
For Chief Clerk of the House