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Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

April 7, 2023

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 23

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 BILL 233, as amended ("HB 233"), which would have created a Board and Commission Division and an Information Technology Division in the Regulation and Licensing Department ("RLD"), as well as elevate RLD's superintendent to a cabinet-level secretary subject to Senate confirmation.

RLD supported HB 233 as it was originally drafted. Unfortunately, the Senate adopted a last-minute floor amendment that elevated the superintendent to a cabinet-level secretary without any input from RLD or this Office. Although I may ultimately support the transition of the superintendent to a cabinet-level secretary, this change should only take place in consultation with the Executive Department and after thorough analysis and consideration.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 233, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2023.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Lujan Grisham".

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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Secretary of State

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Chief Clerk of the House