



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

January 20, 2026

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 11

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution, I am authorizing for your consideration during the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, Second Session, submission of a bill bearing Legislative Council Service drafting number .232951, a bill amending the New Mexico Civil Rights Act; providing that a claim may arise from an act or the deliberate indifference of a public body or person acting on behalf of, under color of or within the course and scope of the authority of a public body; providing that a person shall not recover damages pursuant to both the New Mexico Civil Rights Act and the Tort Claims Act for claims arising from the same occurrence; providing that the waiver of sovereign immunity is withdrawn for a claim if a person files a claim pursuant to the Tort Claims Act that arises from the same occurrence; reducing the maximum recovery limit for claims; providing for and limiting interest on judgment; prohibiting exemplary or punitive damages; reducing the time for initiating an action from three to two years; requiring notice for all claims and directing how notice shall be given for all claims; providing that a claim shall not be maintained if notice is not given as directed and providing exceptions for injury and death; and making conforming amendments.

Respectfully yours,

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By Lucille D. Martinez
for Chief Clerk of the Senate