



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

January 21, 2026

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 12

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 .232917, a bill reducing the number of taxpaying years required for certain resident businesses and contractors; adding the definition of "best obtainable price"; clarifying the definition of "central purchasing office"; adding the definition of "notice of invitation for solicitation"; adding the definition of "notice of request for proposals"; amending the definition of "small business" to conform to the definition in federal law; requiring that sealed bids be opened in accordance with Section 13-1-107 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984, Chapter 65, Section 80); requiring state agencies and local public bodies to provide up to two names for chief procurement officers; requiring that a chief procurement officer certification program be maintained by the state purchasing agent; allowing approved continuing education units to be used for recertification; defining "continuing education units"; requiring exemption determinations to include the facts relied upon in the determination; increasing exemption maximum amounts for certain purchases; increasing small purchases amounts excluded from required procurement by the state purchasing agent; changing invitation for bids posting and publication requirements and expenditure amounts; clarifying how identical competitive sealed bids are awarded; requiring that professional services contracts be reviewed by the state purchasing agent or a general services department designee; increasing the amount for certain purchases by a central purchasing agent; limiting sole source contracts to a term of four years, including all extensions and renewals; changing certain intent to award sole source contract requirements; requiring cost or pricing data by prospective contractors; increasing maximum terms for professional services contracts to eight years; and providing for prepayment of certain child care assistance services contracts.

Respectfully yours,

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By *Luella V. Martens*
for Chief Clerk of the Senate