



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

February 4, 2026

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 71

The Honorable Javier Martinez, Speaker of the House and
Members of the New Mexico House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Speaker Martinez 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-Seventh Legislature, Second Session, submission of HOUSE BILL 267, a bill enacting the Wildfire Utility Mitigation and Liability Act; providing for wildfire mitigation plans, approvals and annual compliance reports; allowing for cost recovery; establishing limitations on liability; providing access to grants for cooperatives to implement mitigation plans; creating a statute of limitations; amending Section 30-32-4 NMSA 1978 (being laws 1882, Chapter 61, Section 7, as amended), and Section 37-1-4 NMSA 1978 (being laws 1880, Chapter 5, Section 4, as amended) to create exceptions for damage awarded for starting a fire and actions for personal injury; and making appropriations.

Respectfully yours,

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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Time: 2:06 a.m. p.m.
Date: 2/4 2026 By R. L. L.
For Chief Clerk of the House