



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

February 4, 2026

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 67

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 SENATE BILL 161, 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,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
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By *Lucille V. Martinez*
for Chief Clerk of the Senate