



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

February 18, 2026

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 79

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 74, a bill revising penalties for cockfighting. Sadly, cocks are endowed with little protection when it comes to fighting under current law. It is time we get a firm grasp on this issue and impose stiff penalties that adequately guard our roosters (i.e., cocks) from such abuse.

Respectfully yours,

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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By Lucille V. Martiney
for Chief Clerk of the Senate