



for reforestation efforts in Mora County, and \$15 million for a new agriculture science and art annex building at Eastern New Mexico University.

Although our investments over the past seven years have been significant, there remains a substantial need statewide. I am responsible for ensuring that these funds are allocated to eligible entities that can legally access them. SB 240 includes two projects that do not meet this eligibility criterion. Therefore, I have vetoed \$475,000 in general fund projects directed to ineligible entities. These vetoes constitute a small portion of the total capital outlay funds allocated in SB 240, reflecting responsible stewardship of state resources. I have also vetoed appropriations to projects that are inadequately funded or not aligned with an approved comprehensive plan, as well as unnecessarily restrictive language regarding decisions properly within executive agency discretion to ensure funds are allocated to the correct fiscal agent and to guarantee that capital outlay appropriations are sufficient to complete the intended public projects.

New Mexicans deserve our best effort to allocate capital resources to projects that address local community needs and prioritize our most important needs and shared goals. Overall, this legislation supports those objectives.

Accordingly, I this day SIGN and RETURN:

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 240, as amended, with emergency clause, with certificate of correction, enacted during the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, Second Session, 2026, except the following item or items, part or parts, which I hereby veto pursuant to the authority granted me in Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution:

I have vetoed the word "old" on page 19, line 16. The vetoed language clarifies the use of the appropriation and prevents an unnecessary administrative burden on state agencies.

I have vetoed lines 21 through line 24 on page 42. The vetoed language appropriates funds to an entity ineligible for direct appropriations under Article IV, Section 31 of the New Mexico Constitution.

I have vetoed line 25 on page 42, and lines 1 and 2 on page 43. The vetoed language appropriates funds to an entity ineligible for direct appropriations under Article IV, Section 31 of the New Mexico Constitution.

I have vetoed the words "mutual domestic water consumers and sewage works" on page 101, line 2, and the word "association" on page 101, line 3. The vetoed language prevents the agency from using the full appropriation to implement the legislative purpose.

I have vetoed lines 23 through 25 on page 124 and line 1 on page 125. The vetoed appropriation does not adequately fund the project.

I have vetoed lines 5 through 7 on page 154. The vetoed appropriation is not aligned with an approved comprehensive plan.

I have vetoed lines 8 through 12 on page 154. The vetoed appropriation does not adequately fund the project.

I have vetoed the word “in” on page 199, line 23, and the words “McKinley county” on page 199, line 24. The vetoed language removes the project owner’s discretion to choose the best location for the project.

I have vetoed the words and punctuation “including a utility tractor and trailer, a liquid sprayer, a” on page 223, line 16, the words and punctuation “rotary tiller, a conservation seeder, a disk harrow and” on page 223, line 17, and the words and punctuation “agronomy and horticulture research equipment,” on page 223, line 18. The vetoed language would create an unnecessary administrative burden on state agencies.

I have vetoed the words “in Sandoval” on page 229, line 17, and the word “county” on page 229, line 18. The vetoed language removes the project owner’s discretion to choose the best location for the project.

I have vetoed the word and punctuation “trenching,” on page 235, line 24, the words and punctuation “controllers, isolation points, collapsed and capped” on page 235, line 25, and the words and punctuation “systems and landscape restoration,” on page 236, line 1. The vetoed language would create an unnecessary administrative burden on state agencies.

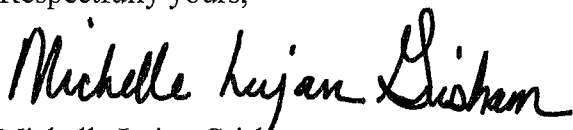
I have vetoed the word “tutoring” on page 236, line 9, the words “modular study”, “group”, and “technology enabled” on page 236, line 10, and the words “collaboration” and “support” on page 236, line 11. The vetoed language would create an unnecessary administrative burden on state agencies.

I have vetoed the words “wildfire and” on page 237, line 8. The vetoed language would create an unnecessary administrative burden on state agencies.

I have vetoed the words “wildfire and” on page 238, line 7. The vetoed language would create an unnecessary administrative burden on state agencies.

I have vetoed the words “wildfire and” on page 242, line 4. The vetoed language would create an unnecessary administrative burden on state agencies.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Lujan Grisham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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Time: 11:58 a.m./p.m.
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By Tommy B. Padilla
Secretary of State

Time: 12:18 a.m./p.m.
Date: 3/11 2026

By Shirley Hamilton
Chief Clerk of the House