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Governor

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## HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 5

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

Honorable Speaker Martínez and Members of the House:


Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have signed HOUSE BILL 161, enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025. I wholeheartedly support our veterans and welcome the idea of removing economic barriers that prevent them from enjoying our beautiful state parks. However, this legislation is an unfunded mandate and will cost the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars in lost revenue each year. The Legislature must provide sufficient funding to ensure that our state parks remain open to veterans and the public at large. It is important that we do not promise the public programs that we cannot guarantee we can continue in the future. I urge the sponsors of this legislation to commit to obtaining this funding at the next Legislative session.

Respectfully yours,

  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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Time: 8:19 a.m. p.m.  
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By   
Secretary of State

Time: 8:35 a.m. p.m.  
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By   
Chief Clerk of the House