



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

April 9, 2025

## HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 14

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 COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 20, as amended ("HB 20"), enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025.

I am signing this bill because it represents strong economic development policy and will generate new opportunities for the people of New Mexico. However, I must highlight a growing concern that is the increasing and general overreliance on cumbersome advisory boards as the default mechanism for implementing economic policy.

This bill—like others passed this session, including Senate Bill 169 (Strategic Economic Development Site Readiness) and House Bill 19 (Trade Port Development Act)—risks becoming bogged down by the creation of unnecessary advisory boards and committees. Taken together, these three bills activate more than 75 individuals across new task forces, advisory boards, and committees. While stakeholder input is important, this level of bureaucratic layering is not the most effective way to execute the ambitious economic development agenda that New Mexicans are demanding and deserve.

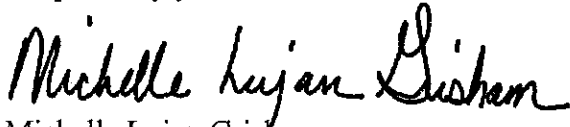
Fortunately, the Economic Development Department ("EDD") already benefits from deep in-house expertise and several high-performing advisory bodies. For example, the Job Training Incentive Program ("JTIP") Board has successfully delivered millions of dollars in workforce development support. Likewise, the Technology Research Collaborative has helped deliver millions in grants for startups and small businesses. Both groups already include broad

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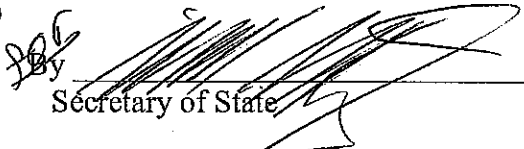
representation from higher education, national laboratories, and the private sector—and both are models of how targeted, efficient governance can drive results.

I have spoken with the sponsor of this legislation, and we have agreed that it is necessary to streamline these advisory entities at EDD and reduce unnecessary redundancies. Our goal for the upcoming legislative session is to streamline these efforts, ensuring that resources are used efficiently and outcomes remain focused on delivering real, measurable growth for New Mexico's economy.

Respectfully yours,

  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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Secretary of State

Time: 8:10 a.m. p.m.  
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By   
Chief Clerk of the House