

H 894 ADDITIONAL LUNA MAGISTRATE

April 11, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 80

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 894, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation, which establishes a new magistrate judgeship in Luna County, is vetoed because the costs and additional personnel required do not appear justified at this time.

H 901 AMEND UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ACT

April 9, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 51

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 901, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation would expand the "University Endowment Act" to make community colleges and technical-vocational institutions eligible for application to the university fund for endowments. Though established in 1989, this fund has yet to be endowed. Additionally, not enacting this bill into law would in no way preclude these particular institutions from seeking private sector dollars for the purpose of establishing endowments.

H 922 STRATEGIC PLANNING ACT

April 11, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 81

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 922, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation makes an appropriation from the General Fund, contingent on an equal contribution from the private sector, for the purposes of establishing a New Mexico Futures Commission. This new commission would be comprised of 12 members, in addition to a paid executive director. This commission would be charged with the task of developing strategic plans for the State of New Mexico.

This administration has found strategic planning to be of great benefit in our effort to provide the best possible services, to the citizens of New Mexico. In addition, strategic planning should become more of a routine process for all entities associated with serving the public. This worthy process can and should happen without new bureaucracy, and the additional expense to the taxpayers of this state.

This administration commits continued emphasis on strategic planning, and welcomes the ideas, suggestions and efforts put forward by the private sector. The State of New Mexico will continue to foster public and private sector partnerships through effective strategic planning.

H 942 INSURANCE FRAUD ACT

April 11, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 82

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 942, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation would repeal the first four sections of the current Fraud Reporting Immunity Act and enact a New Insurance Fraud Act. It creates an additional bureau with four new employees at the Department of Insurance to investigate insurance fraud. It assesses a tax against all insurers based upon the amount of premium dollars generated in New Mexico. It also overlays a regulatory framework on insurance companies in New Mexico directing insurance companies to deal with insurance fraud.

This legislation is inconsistent with this administration's goal of reducing the number of state employees, reducing taxes and reducing the number of regulations on New Mexico businesses. The legislation does the opposite. It increases the number of state employees, increases taxes, and it increases the regulatory burden on New Mexico businesses.