

H 315 MENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE PARITY

March 11, 1998

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 144

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 315, as amended, passed by the Forty-Third Legislature, Second Session, 1998.

This legislation would establish a "mental health insurance parity pilot program" for state employees for fiscal years 1999 and 2000. One of the intended purposes of this pilot project is to establish an actuarial accounting of mental health insurance parity. However, two years is not enough time to establish an accurate and reliable study for this issue. In addition, it does not make sense for New Mexico to establish this pilot project when existing studies demonstrate the potential actuarial and logistical effects of mental health insurance parity. My administration's primary objective is to keep health insurance costs at a level that everyone can afford.

H 368 STATE VEHICLES FUEL STUDY

March 11, 1998

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 143

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 368, as amended, passed by the Forty-Third Legislature, Second Session, 1998.

This legislation funds a study of the feasibility of converting state government vehicles to renewable fuels. This bill is vetoed because the amount of money appropriated for this study is excessive. Any such study should be accomplished with a substantially lower funding requirement.

H 417 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION

March 11, 1998

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 132

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 417 passed by the Forty-Third Legislature, Second Session, 1998.