

This bill would expand the exceptions to current in-plant training residency requirements to include projects located within fifty miles of the New Mexico border. The purpose of the in-plant training program is to hire and train New Mexicans. Additionally, it is not prudent to expand a program that is currently underfunded.

H 599 INVEST IN MINORITY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

April 6, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 106

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 599, as amended enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill would modify the existing New Mexico Venture Capital Program to require consideration of state investment in minority-owned businesses. I believe that such funds should be available to all business opportunities that further the economic development objectives of New Mexico, regardless of the racial or ethnic background of the business owners seeking venture capital monies.

CS/H 645 WATER RIGHTS MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

April 5, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 79

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 645, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill allows the Office of the State Engineer to employ mediation and arbitration to resolve water rights adjudications. The provisions of this bill are unnecessary; nothing in current law prohibits the State Engineer from employing alternative dispute resolution practices instead of litigation to determine water rights.