



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

April 11, 2025

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 28

The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

I have decided to veto SENATE BILL 315, which designates the tortilla as the official state bread, as well as SENATE BILL 327 and SENATE BILL 377, which create low-rider and New Mexico United license plates, respectively.

I am vetoing this legislation to send a clear message: in a time of extraordinary challenges, New Mexicans need discipline and urgency from their elected officials. What they received this session was far too often the opposite. Hundreds of bills never saw the light of day on the House or Senate floor or even in committees, not because they lacked merit, but because the Legislature ran out of time or simply refused to give the legislation a hearing. Some, like legislation to regulate synthetic cannabinoids and keep dangerous substances out of the hands of children, died while waiting for concurrence—a process that can take less than a minute.

Yet in those final hours of the session, and in the wake of a mass shooting in Las Cruces that went unacknowledged by House leadership, the House found time to debate the merits of a state bread. And the Legislature found time to pass not one, not two, but three separate license plate bills—despite already having 40 specialty plates on the books. One of those license plate bills even made it through the Senate Finance Committee, where lawmakers claimed they did not have time to hear a bill that would have helped build more housing for New Mexicans. That was not just a missed opportunity—it was a misuse of time and priorities.

Of course, I enjoy celebrating our unique culture. But New Mexico already has a state cookie, a state amphibian, *two* state vegetables, a state song, a Spanish language state song, a state ballad, a state bilingual song, *and* a state cowboy song. The question should not be how many more symbols we can collect—but whether we are meeting the moment with the gravity it demands. We are living in perilous and unprecedented times. The stakes for our State have never been higher. We need a Legislature that rises to the occasion and focuses on the work that truly matters to the people of New Mexico.

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Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed SENATE BILL 315, SENATE BILL 327, and SENATE BILL 377, enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025.

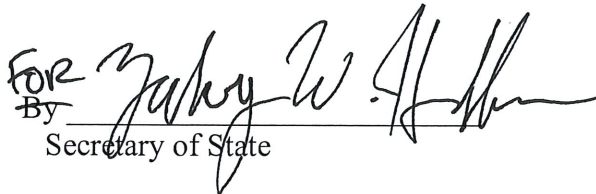
Despite my frustration with the Legislature, I want to applaud Adaline McIntosh, the Las Cruces student whose idea led to the legislation designating an official state bread. Allowing our students to be a part of the legislative process inspires civic engagement that will hopefully last for years to come. I hope Ms. McIntosh continues to advocate for issues that are important to her, and I look forward to a personal conversation with her to discuss those ideas.

Respectfully yours,


Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

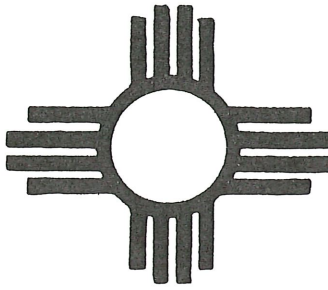
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Secretary of State

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By _____
Chief Clerk of the Senate



The Legislature
of the
State of New Mexico

57th Legislature, 1st Session

LAWS 2025

CHAPTER

SENATE BILL 315

Introduced by

SENATOR JOSHUA A. SANCHEZ AND CARRIE HAMBLÉN



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1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO STATE SYMBOLS; DECLARING A STATE BREAD.

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

5 SECTION 1. Section 12-3-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1927,
6 Chapter 102, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

7 "12-3-4. STATE FLOWER--STATE BIRD--STATE TREE--STATE
8 FISH--STATE ANIMAL--STATE VEGETABLES--STATE GEM--STATE
9 GRASS--STATE FOSSIL--STATE COOKIE--STATE INSECT--STATE
10 QUESTION--STATE ANSWER--STATE NICKNAME--STATE
11 BUTTERFLY--STATE REPTILE--STATE AMPHIBIAN--STATE
12 AIRCRAFT--STATE HISTORIC RAILROAD--STATE TIE--STATE
13 NECKLACE--STATE AROMA--STATE BREAD.--

14 A. The yucca flower is adopted as the official
15 flower of New Mexico.

16 B. The chaparral bird, commonly called roadrunner,
17 is adopted as the official bird of New Mexico.

18 C. The nut pine or pinon tree, scientifically
19 known as *Pinus edulis*, is adopted as the official tree of
20 New Mexico.

21 D. The native New Mexico cutthroat trout is
22 adopted as the official fish of New Mexico.

23 E. The native New Mexico black bear is adopted as
24 the official animal of New Mexico.

25 F. The chile, the Spanish adaptation of the

1 chilli, and the pinto bean, commonly known as the frijol, are
2 adopted as the official vegetables of New Mexico.

3 G. The turquoise is adopted as the official gem
4 of New Mexico.

5 H. The blue grama grass, scientifically known
6 as *Bouteloua gracillis*, is adopted as the official grass
7 of New Mexico.

8 I. The *coelophysis* is adopted as the official
9 fossil of New Mexico.

10 J. The bizcochito is adopted as the official
11 cookie of New Mexico.

12 K. The tarantula hawk wasp, scientifically
13 known as *Pepsis formosa*, is adopted as the official insect
14 of New Mexico.

15 L. "Red or green?" is adopted as the official
16 question of New Mexico.

17 M. "Red and green or Christmas" is adopted as the
18 official answer of New Mexico.

19 N. "The Land of Enchantment" is adopted as the
20 official nickname of New Mexico.

21 O. The Sandia hairstreak is adopted as the
22 official butterfly of New Mexico.

23 P. The New Mexico whiptail lizard, scientifically
24 known as *Cnemidophorus neomexicanus*, is adopted as the
25 official reptile of New Mexico.

1 Q. The New Mexico spadefoot toad, scientifically
2 known as *Spea multiplicata*, is adopted as the official
3 amphibian of New Mexico.

4 R. The hot air balloon is adopted as the official
5 aircraft of New Mexico.

6 S. The Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad is
7 adopted as the official historic railroad of New Mexico.

8 T. The bolo tie is adopted as the official tie
9 of New Mexico.

10 U. The Native American squash blossom necklace
11 is adopted as the official necklace of New Mexico.

12 V. The aroma of green chile roasting is adopted
13 as the official aroma of New Mexico.

14 W. The tortilla is adopted as the official bread
15 of New Mexico."

s/Howie C. Morales
Howie C. Morales, President
Senate

s/Cheri D. Lujan
Cheri D. Lujan, Chief Clerk
Senate

s/Javier Martínez
Javier Martínez, Speaker
House of Representatives

s/Lisa M. Ortiz McCutcheon
Lisa M. Ortiz McCutcheon, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2025

s/Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
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