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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Herrera/Ortez/Romero, A./Lujan/Sanchez **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ORIGINAL DATE** 2/11/2025  
**SHORT TITLE** Española Lowrider Museum **BILL**  
**NUMBER** House Bill 239  
**ANALYST** Rodriguez

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

FY25	FY26	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$100.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.  
\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From  
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From  
Higher Education Department (HED)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of House Bill 239

House Bill 239 (HB239) appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) to work with the Higher Education Department (HED) to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a lowrider museum in Española, New Mexico.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund for expenditure in FY26 and FY27. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

A museum feasibility study typically explores the relevance of, interest in, and potential visitors to a prospective museum based on the proposed area. DCA would most likely need to hire a contractor to conduct the feasibility study required in this bill.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DCA writes that upon enactment of HB239, the agency would follow applicable procurement policies to hire a qualified contractor specializing in the museum field with relevant experience to conduct a study.

HB239 does not specify the scope or deadline for the agencies to complete the feasibility study.

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