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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**  
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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 2/4/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB239 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Herrera/Ortez/Romero/Lujan/ Sanchez **Agency Name and Code Number:** Department of Cultural Affairs-- 505  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

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

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: HB239 makes an appropriation to the Cultural Affairs Department to conduct a feasibility study, in partnership with the NM Higher Education Department, of establishing a Lowrider Museum in Espanola. An initial museum feasibility study typically explores the relevance of, interest in, and potential visitors to a prospective museum based upon the proposed focus area.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None identified.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Following applicable procurement policies, the Cultural Affairs Department will contract a qualified contractor specializing in the museum field with relevant experience to conduct a study.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None identified.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None identified.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The proposed appropriation is reasonable for an initial feasibility study which would primarily determine the appropriateness of proceeding to further stages of planning such as fundraising feasibility, interpretive focus and plans, initial master planning, design, and construction costs, etc.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None identified.

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The potential development of a Lowrider Museum in Espanola and its possible impacts remain unknowable.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

None identified.