

1 HOUSE BILL 37
2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025
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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO ASSESS THE
12 POTENTIAL ACQUISITION BY THE STATE OF THE STAR AXIS SCULPTURAL
13 OBSERVATORY.
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

17 A. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is
18 appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of
19 New Mexico highlands university for expenditure in fiscal years
20 2025 through 2027 to conduct a feasibility study to assess the
21 potential acquisition by the state of Star Axis, a privately
22 owned sculptural observatory located in San Miguel county,
23 including:

24 (1) assessing the cost of legally necessary
25 upgrades required for public access;

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1 (2) determining the long-term annual
2 operation, maintenance and staffing needs;

3 (3) outlining scientific and educational uses
4 of the site, including possible collegiate-level training in
5 partnership with educational entities throughout the state; and

6 (4) assessing the long-term value of
7 establishing a land art tour network for visitation of land
8 artworks in the state.

9 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
10 at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general
11 fund.