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

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Date Prepared: 2/24/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB576 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Lord **Agency Name and Code Number:** 505-Department of Cultural Affairs
Short Title: Museum & Park Admission for Adopted Children **Person Writing:** Michelle Gallagher Roberts
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	Other State Funds

(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:

HB576 amends [§32A-3A-12 NMSA 1978](#) (Foster Families--Free Admission to Museums and State Parks--Camping Passes--Fishing Licenses) to include adopted children under the age of 18 years, who were adopted when while in the custody of CYFD or other person empowered by law to place a child in a home in this or any other state for the purpose of adoption. Adopted children would be eligible for free day-use admission to department of cultural affairs (DCA) state-owned museums, free day-use admission and camping passes to state parks, and to free fishing licenses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated fiscal impact on the DCA is minimal. Regular admission at five of DCA's eight museums is free for everyone under the age of 16. One of the remaining museums offers reduced admissions. The bill does not include families or parents of an adopted child, those individuals would still be subject to the admission policies of the museum.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The current statute applies to children in foster care in New Mexico. If it is the intent of this bill to mirror that by applying only to children adopted by residents of New Mexico, then consideration should be given to amending the bill's definition of "adopted child" to specify such.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

When foster parents access free museum admission under the current statute, they provide a foster parent identification card issued by CYFD as proof they are entitled to the benefit. Adoption decrees, reports of adoption, and birth certificates are legal/health documents. Most individuals will not carry these documents in person.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Failure to enact HB576 would mean adopted children would not be eligible for free day-use admission to DCA museums. However, DCA would still offer free admission to anyone under the age of 16 at five of the state-owned museums, in addition to monthly free Sundays and various free community days.

AMENDMENTS

If the intent is to apply only to children adopted by New Mexico residents, then the following amendment is suggested to page 2 line 21:

As used in this section, "adopted child" means a person under the age of eighteen who was adopted by a resident of the state of New Mexico when the person was in the custody of the department or a person certified, licensed or otherwise specially empowered by law to place a child in a home in this or any other state for the purpose of adoption.