

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

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

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

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

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