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HOUSE BILL 169

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHICANA AND  
CHICANO STUDIES FOR YEAR-ROUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE  
CURANDERISMO TRADITIONAL MEDICINE INSTITUTE AND FOR YEAR-ROUND  
STATEWIDE COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT FOR THE CREATION OF  
NEW COURSES FOR THE INSTITUTE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is  
appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of  
the university of New Mexico for the department of Chicana and  
Chicano studies for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 to provide  
year-round scholarships to and year-round outreach for the  
curanderismo traditional medicine institute as provided in this

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1 section.

2 B. Curanderismo traditional medicine institute  
3 scholarships shall be prioritized for New Mexico residents,  
4 persons from rural, tribal, indigenous or underserved  
5 communities or persons who intend to provide culturally rooted  
6 healing, wellness or community health services within New  
7 Mexico.

8 C. The statewide outreach and engagement shall  
9 include courses; informational sessions; workshops; culturally  
10 appropriate materials; engagement with tribal governments,  
11 underserved communities, acequia communities and rural and  
12 frontier populations; recruitment of participants from diverse  
13 New Mexico communities to participate in traditional and  
14 heritage medicinal education; and collaboration with  
15 community-based organizations to expand awareness of  
16 traditional healing education and pathways.

17 D. The department of Chicana and Chicano studies  
18 shall research, study and create new courses on curanderismo  
19 traditional medicine to meet the cultural and health needs of  
20 New Mexico communities.

21 E. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of  
22 fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.