

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.