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HOUSE BILL 268

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

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO  
CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE  
LAND GRANT AND ACEQUIA MUSEUM.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars  
(\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
cultural affairs department for expenditure in fiscal year 2027  
to conduct a study on the feasibility and cost of creating a  
museum of land grants and acequias in the state that  
contemplates the purchase, lease or contracted use of land or  
buildings significant to land grants and acequias, including  
the Mercedes Unidas center, or locating the museum in the city  
of Santa Fe or the city of Albuquerque. Any unexpended balance  
remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the

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