

1 SENATE BILL 248

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO CREATE AN INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
12 TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN NEW MEXICO
13 INDIAN NATIONS, TRIBES AND PUEBLOS AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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

16 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Four million dollars**
17 (\$4,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
18 Indian affairs department for expenditure in fiscal year 2027
19 to create an Indian affairs commission to facilitate
20 communication and consultation between New Mexico Indian
21 nations, tribes and pueblos and the federal government. Any
22 unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027
23 shall revert to the general fund.

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