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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 169

SHORT TITLE: UNM Dept. of Chicana & Chicano Studies

SPONSOR: Reps. A. Gonzales & Roybal Caballero/Sen Lopez

LAST ORIGINAL
UPDATE: _____ **DATE:** 02/02/26 **ANALYST:** Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

Higher Education Department
University of New Mexico

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 169

House Bill 169 (HB169) appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the University of New Mexico (UNM) for the purpose of providing year-round scholarships for the curanderismo traditional medicine institute. HB169 establishes prioritization standards for the scholarships and mandates activities to be undertaken with the funding provided. Activities include statewide outreach and engagement and requires the department of Chicana and Chicano studies to create new courses on curanderismo.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

UNM reports that Students will learn how to treat behavioral problems using traditional medicine and preparing first aid kits by learning how to prepare herbal-based tinctures and water-based micro doses, as well as herbal liniments and ointment for minor health issues, and refer major illnesses to physicians.

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