

HOUSE BILL 359

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE NATIVE AMERICAN  
SOCIAL WORK STUDIES INSTITUTE AT NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS  
UNIVERSITY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS**

UNIVERSITY--NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIAL WORK STUDIES INSTITUTE  
CREATED.--The "Native American social work studies institute"  
is created at New Mexico highlands university. The purpose of  
the institute is to invigorate the social work system for  
Native Americans in New Mexico and to prepare social work  
professionals, both Native American and non-Native American,  
for work in Native American communities on- and off-  
reservation.

**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand**

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1 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2 board of regents of New Mexico highlands university for  
3 expenditure in fiscal year 2020 to create the Native American  
4 social work studies institute at the Albuquerque campus of the  
5 university. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
6 at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general  
7 fund.

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