

LFC Requester:

**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**  
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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 2/3/26 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB 288 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Armstrong / Herndon / Brown **Agency Name and Code** Department of Cultural Affairs – 505  
**Short Title:** NM HISTORIC WOMEN MARKER PROGRAM **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
450.0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0	0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

House Bill 288 appropriates \$450,000 in onetime reverting general fund monies to the Cultural Affairs Department (CAD for expenditure in FY 26 through FY29 for the expansion and continuing implementation of the New Mexico historic women marker program.

In 2024, a \$500,000 special appropriation was made to CAD to expand this initiative by integrating public school curricula, traveling exhibits, and library resources by leveraging strategic partnerships with the International Women's Forum of New Mexico and other state agencies.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None Identified.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

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#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None Identified.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

If passed, CAD will implement the provisions of the bill through a combination of direct services and contracted services.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

The Executive Budget Recommendation includes a \$431,400 special appropriation for the New Mexico historic women marker program; the HAFC HB2 Committee Substitute includes a \$200,000 special appropriation.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None Identified.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None Identified.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None Identified.

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

CAD will continue to circulate the materials and curriculum developed under prior special appropriations. The development of new materials via CAD will not occur.

**AMENDMENTS**

None Identified.