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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: 02/05/26 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 310 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Herrera; Ortez; Sanchez; Lujan **Agency Name and Code** Department of Cultural Affairs – 505
Short Study Lowrider Museum **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
0	1,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	Minimal	TBD	TBD	N/A	General Fund

(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 310 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to the Cultural Affairs Department (CAD) for expenditure in FY27. The funds are designated for a feasibility study, as well as the planning and implementation of a lowrider museum located in Espanola. Any unexpended funds at the end of FY27 will revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill provides a \$1 million appropriation, which follows a previous \$100,000 appropriation in 2025 for an initial feasibility study ([HB 239](#)), currently underway. The appropriation would represent a transition from high-level research to active project development.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The CAD issued RFP# 26 505 2000 50302 in May 2025, which initiated the preliminary feasibility study. This study is currently underway but will not be completed until June 2026. This appropriation would allow the CAD to implement any recommendations or next steps in those forthcoming findings.

It is unknown at this time if \$1 million will be sufficient for full architectural drawings, generally the agency would utilize the funds for next-level implementation, including:

- Technical Due Diligence: Site-specific environmental assessments and land surveys.
- Operational Design: Detailed programming to define specific gallery and workshop requirements.
- Sustainability Planning: Establishing the necessary governance and business frameworks for the facility

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CAD will utilize existing internal project management resources to oversee the transition from study to implementation, procurement of services, and management of contractors.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

NA

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The findings of the initial feasibility study currently underway will be examined, with future funding required to move forward with any of the study's recommendations.

AMENDMENTS

None