

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 2/3/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HM24Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Reps Gonzales and Serrato
 Short Study Restructuring Las Vegas
 Title: Land Grant

Agency Name

and Code

University of New Mexico-952

Number:

Person Writing

Adrian OglesbyPhone: 505-280-7958Email oglesby@law.unm.edu**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(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						

(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

Synopsis:

House Memorial 24 requests the New Mexico Department of Justice's Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Division to work with the Land Grant Council to study the potential consequences of restructuring the Las Vegas Land Grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This House Memorial does not include an appropriation. It will require significant effort by the Department of Justice and The Land Grant Council, who presumably will need to fund this study out of their general operating funds.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Due to historic litigation, the ownership of the Las Vegas Land Grant has been mired in ambiguity for over 100 years. Since 1903, the Las Vegas Land Grant has been by a board of trustees appointed by the San Miguel District Court.

Both the Court and the Land Grant heirs would like to change this unusual form of governance. Recognizing that changes to New Mexico laws related to the governance of the Las Vegas Land Grant may have significant consequences, the sponsors are requesting this study to understand the impact of restructuring the Land Grant's governance.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Not enacting this Memorial will likely result in the continued management of the Las Vegas Land Grant governance by the San Miguel District Court.

AMENDMENTS