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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Jaramillo/Maestas/Hamblen LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_  
ORIGINAL DATE 2/24/2025  
BILL  
SHORT TITLE Lowrider as Official State Vehicle NUMBER Senate Bill 498  
ANALYST Rodriguez

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT\*

(dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact			

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Relates to House Bill 239, Senate Bill 327, and Senate Memorial 7

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From

Tourism Department (NMTD)

Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)

Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From

Department of Transportation (DOT)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 498

Senate Bill 498 (SB498) establishes the lowrider as the official vehicle of New Mexico.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill contains no appropriation and has no known fiscal impact.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Lowriders are recognized as part of New Mexico's culture heritage and history. The Cultural Affairs Department (DCA) has featured lowriders in state museums and historic sites, including a feature at the New Mexico Museum of Art in 2016 and an exhibit at the New Mexico History Museum in 2017.

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

SB498 relates to House Bill 239, which directs DCA to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a lowrider museum in Española, New Mexico; Senate Bill 327, which enacts a new section of the motor vehicle code to create a lowrider capital of the world special registration plate; and Senate Memorial 7, which declares February 11, 2025, as “Lowrider Day”.

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