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H. R. 3459

To establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BECERRA (for himself and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Smithsonian American
5 Latino Museum Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF MUSEUM.**

2 There is established within the Smithsonian Institu-
3 tion a museum to be known as the “Smithsonian Amer-
4 ican Latino Museum”.

5 **SEC. 3. LOCATION AND AUTHORIZATION.**

6 (a) **ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BUILDING.**—The Arts
7 and Industries Building of the Smithsonian Institution, lo-
8 cated on the National Mall at 900 Jefferson Drive, South-
9 west, Washington, District of Columbia, including a new
10 underground annex facility, is designated as the location
11 of the Smithsonian American Latino Museum.

12 (b) **PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION.**—The Board of
13 Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in consultation
14 with the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission of Fine
15 Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission, and
16 with other appropriate Federal and local agencies, is au-
17 thorized to prepare plans, design, renovate, rehabilitate,
18 and construct the Smithsonian American Latino Museum
19 facility, as referred to in the May 2011 Report to Congress
20 of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a
21 National Museum of the American Latino.

22 (c) **SCHEDULE AND FUNDING.**—

23 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Board of Regents is au-
24 thorized to prepare a plan of action for the Smithso-
25 nian American Latino Museum, and to identify and

1 evaluate viable funding models for both construction
2 and operation of the Museum.

3 (2) TIMING.—The plan of action authorized in
4 paragraph (1) shall be concluded not later than 18
5 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.**

7 The Secretary of the Interior and the Board of Re-
8 gents of the Smithsonian Institution shall enter into an
9 agreement that—

10 (1) allows for the planning, design, and con-
11 struction of the underground annex facility by the
12 Board of Regents, in a manner harmonious with and
13 to protect the open space and visual sightlines of the
14 Mall; and

15 (2) provides a timeline for the transfer of ad-
16 ministrative jurisdiction, if necessary, of the appro-
17 priate subsurface area from the Secretary of the In-
18 terior to the Smithsonian Institution.

19 **SEC. 5. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COM-**
20 **MISSION.**

21 In carrying out its duties under this Act, the Board
22 of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution shall take into
23 consideration the reports and plans submitted by the Com-
24 mission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Mu-
25 seum of the American Latino under section 333 of the

- 1 Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (Public Law
- 2 110–229; 122 Stat. 784).

