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# H. R. 3258

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 2003

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico (for herself, Mr. PEARCE, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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 “Hibben Center Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. LEASE AGREEMENT.**

6 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior  
7 may enter into an agreement with the University of New

1 Mexico to lease space in the Hibben Center for Archae-  
2 ological Research at the University of New Mexico for re-  
3 search on, and curation of, the archaeological research col-  
4 lections of the National Park Service relating to the Chaco  
5 Culture National Historical Park and Aztec Ruins Na-  
6 tional Monument.

7 (b) TERM; RENT.—The lease shall provide for a term  
8 not exceeding 40 years and a nominal annual lease pay-  
9 ment.

10 (c) OPERATING EXPENSES.—The lease may require  
11 the Secretary to contribute a pro rata share of the Hibben  
12 Center’s annual operating expenses, in addition to any  
13 nominal annual rent.

14 (d) IMPROVEMENTS.—The lease shall permit the Sec-  
15 retary to make improvements and install furnishings and  
16 fixtures related to the use and curation of the collections.

17 **SEC. 3. GRANT.**

18 Upon execution of the lease, the Secretary may con-  
19 tribute to the University of New Mexico up to 37 percent  
20 of the cost of construction of the Hibben Center, not to  
21 exceed \$1,750,000.

22 **SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

23 The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements  
24 with the University of New Mexico, Federal agencies, and  
25 Indian tribes for the curation of and conduct of research

1 on artifacts, and to encourage collaborative management  
2 of the Chacoan archaeological artifacts associated with  
3 northwestern New Mexico.

4 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5       There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
6 retary such sums as may be necessary for the purposes  
7 of this Act.

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