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LEGISLATIVE BILL 491

Introduced by DeKay, 40.

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Museum Construction and Maintenance
- 2 Fund; to amend section 72-819, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2024; to restate intent regarding appropriations for the
- 4 Chief Standing Bear Museum and visitor center; and to repeal the
- 5 original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 72-819, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 72-819 (1) The Game and Parks Commission shall award grants to a
4 federally recognized Indian tribe to construct, develop, and manage a
5 museum and visitor center honoring Chief Standing Bear.

6 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the Game
7 and Parks Commission for the Chief Standing Bear Museum and visitor
8 center:

9 (a) Not more than seven ~~fifteen~~ million dollars for fiscal year
10 2025-26 from the Museum Construction and Maintenance Fund for
11 construction of the museum and visitor center; and

12 (b) Not more than seven million dollars for fiscal year 2026-27
13 ~~Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for fiscal year 2024-25~~ from the
14 Museum Construction and Maintenance Fund for exhibit fabrication and
15 historical interpretation.

16 (3)(a) The Game and Parks Commission shall construct, develop, and
17 manage a museum at Fort Robinson State Park.

18 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the Game
19 and Parks Commission for the museum at Fort Robinson State Park not more
20 than seven million dollars for fiscal year 2025-26 from the Museum
21 Construction and Maintenance Fund.

22 (c) The Game and Parks Commission may execute a memorandum of
23 understanding or contract with the Nebraska State Historical Society for
24 purposes of museum development, exhibit fabrication, and historical
25 interpretation at Fort Robinson State Park.

26 **Sec. 2.** Original section 72-819, Revised Statutes Cumulative
27 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.