



H.R.2420—National Museum of the American Latino (NMAL) Act

SUMMARY:

- **Establishes the National Museum of the American Latino** within the Smithsonian to recognize Latino contributions to our country. The goal is consistent with the Smithsonian’s mission.
- **Establishes a Board of Trustees (Trustees)**—19 members including the Secretary of the Smithsonian, the Under Secretary of Museums and Research; the Chair of the Smithsonian National Latino Board; one Member of the Board of Regents (Regents); two Members of Congress (one from each party designated by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Conference); and thirteen individuals appointed by the Regents.
 - **The Trustees will make recommendations on the location, planning, design, and construction of the Museum; advise on the administration, operations, maintenance, and preservation of the Museum; and report annually to the Regents on curation.**
- **Authorizes the NMAL to carry out educational programs, specified grant programs, and a scholarship program**—including a grant program to promote the understanding of the Latin American diaspora in the United States. **Authorizes \$15 million for FY2021 and necessary sums for FY2022 and succeeding fiscal years to carry this out.**
- **Location and Facilities—requires the Regents to select a museum location within 24 months.** The site is to be selected from the following: Arts and Industries Building, South Monument Site, Capitol Site, Facility and Grounds on the National Mall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, or any other appropriate location identified by the Board of Trustees or Board of Regents.
 - Regents are required to consult with Chair and Ranking of House/Senate authorizers and appropriators
 - Any selected site under another federal agency is to be transferred to Smithsonian
 - Regents shall plan, design, and construct/modify building with 50% federal funds and 50% non-federal
 - Waives provisions of the Commemorative Works Act (40 USC 8901)
 - **Authorizes necessary sums to carry this out**
- **Authorizes \$20 million for the Smithsonian in FY2021 and necessary sums to carry out this Act** other than sections 7(b) and 8 (grant programs and construction of facilities). Such sums shall remain available until expended and may be used to conduct fundraising in support of the Museum.
- **This bill includes language to ensure all political viewpoints are represented in the Museum.** This language was included at the request of Committee on House Administration Republicans.
- **There is currently no CBO score. The most recent Smithsonian Museum constructed cost \$555 million** (the National Museum of African American History and Culture). The Commission studying its creation had estimated \$360 million. CBO estimates the Women’s History Museum (H.R.1980) will cost \$375 million.