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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Pinto	DATE TYPED:	01/27/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Four Corners Interpretive Center			SB	4
				ANALYST:	Kehoe

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 500.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA)

Office of Indian Affairs (OIA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 4 appropriates \$500.0 from the general fund to the Tourism Department to join the states of Colorado, Utah and Arizona in matching federal funds to develop an interpretive center at the Four Corners Monument in San Juan County.

Significant Issues

In December 1999, President Clinton signed into law legislation sponsored by U.S. Senator Bingaman to construct an interpretive visitor's center at the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, located on the Navajo and Ute Mountain Reservations along the border shared by New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah. The appropriation in Senate Bill 4 would provide funds to match the federal funds. The visitor's center would contain exhibits depicting the archaeological, cultural, and natural heritage of the Four Corners region and will provide visitors with maps, information, displays, restrooms, vending services, and other facilities. The total cost of the construction is estimated to be \$2 million. The federal legislation provides half of the funds needed to construct the center during fiscal year 2000, and will provide \$50.0 per year until 2005 for maintenance and operation of the center and for program development. The remaining money would be provided by the four states. According to Senator Bingaman's office, the interpretive center will ultimately be owned by the Navajo Nation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The federal appropriation is contingent upon the States of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona matching the \$2 million appropriation. This bill provides \$500.0 in general fund for FY01 and any unexpended balances revert to the general fund.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

- Will the Navajo Nation contribute financial assistance for either the construction or operation of this project?
- It is unclear what the relationship will be among the four states in relationship to the management, staff support and future funding of the interpretive center. Can this information be provided?

LMK/gm