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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Pinto	DATE TYPED:	02/01/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Homes for Indigent Veterans on Tribal Lands			SB	245
				ANALYST:	Kehoe

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 1,600.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 244

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Indian Affairs (OIA)

LFC Files

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 245 appropriates \$1,600.0 from the general fund to the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs to purchase materials and to construct homes for indigent veterans living on tribal land in the Four Corners area in New Mexico.

### Significant Issues

According to the Office of Indian Affairs, there is a great need and demand for housing on the Navajo Nation. The most current data available indicates there is a waiting list of 13,350 families in need of homes on the Navajo reservation, both in New Mexico and Arizona. Private home ownership opportunities are less than five percent in the reservation communities.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The \$1,600.0 appropriation from the general fund is for expenditure in fiscal years 2001 through 2003. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 reverts to the general fund.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There would be minimal administrative impact on the Office of Indian Affairs. The agency would enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with a governmental entity to provide the infrastructure intended in Senate Bill 245.

## **CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP**

Senate Bill 244 appropriates \$3,000.0 from the general fund to provide matching funds for the Navajo Nation Veterans' Trust Fund to provide services for Navajo Nation veterans and their families.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Senate Bill 245 is for capital outlay expenditures. The appropriation should be from Severance Tax Bonds rather than the general fund.

## **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

- Do indigent veterans living on tribal land qualify for assistance from the Navajo Housing Trust Fund?
- How many housing units can be constructed with \$3,000.0?
- Will the Navajo Nation contribute matching funds to the state funds?

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