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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Tsosie	DATE TYPED:	1/28/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Jemez Valley Emergency Medical Technicians			SB	314
				ANALYST:	Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 80.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB57

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Indian Affairs

Department of Health

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill appropriates \$80.0 to the Department of Health (DOH) to hire and train two additional licensed emergency medical technicians to be stationed at the Pueblo of Jemez to respond to emergency medical needs of people located in the Jemez valley.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill appropriates \$80.0 in general fund in FY01 to DOH.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH indicates it would be difficult for its Public Health Division to supervise these two new positions because no other DOH structure exists in the Pueblo area.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DOH indicates the bill appears to have a technical problem because it does not clearly state that DOH will use these funds to contract with the Pueblo of Jemez which would then hire its own two new EMTs.

An alternative would be to appropriate \$80.0 to DOH to enter into a contract to hire and train, if necessary, two additional licensed EMTs to be located at the Pueblo of Jemez.

Another alternative could be the provision of per-call stipends for volunteer responders to encourage availability and participation in the Jemez Coop ambulance. DOH indicates this alternative would depend on the availability of volunteer resources when an emergency call is received and would be difficult to achieve consistently.

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