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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Howes	DATE TYPED:	02/06/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Prevent Spread of Hantavirus			SB	369
				ANALYST:	Kehoe

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 85.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to Senate Bill 105

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health (DOH)

Office of Indian Affairs (OIA)

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 369 appropriates \$85.0 from the general fund to the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs to contract for rodent-proofing homes to prevent the spread of hantavirus.

### Significant Issues

According to the Department of Health, New Mexico leads the nation in the number of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome cases. Since the outbreak of the hantavirus in 1993, 47 cases have been identified in the Four Corners region. The next highest number of cases are in significantly higher populations, 26 in Arizona and 22 in California. The deer mouse, the reservoir for hantavirus, has been identified in various parts of the state. However, nearly two thirds of the cases have occurred in the northwestern region of the state, particularly among Native American populations.

Several Navajo chapters are working closely with the Department of Health's Office of Epidemiology and federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention to evaluate and document the effect education and rodent proofing will have on the rodent density in their homes, and in reducing the number of hantavirus cases on the reservation.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Senate Bill 369 appropriates \$85.0 for expenditure in fiscal year 2001. Unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining at the end of the fiscal year reverts to the general fund.

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

Senate Bill 369 relates to Senate Bill 105 which appropriates \$2,982.4 from the general fund to the Office of Indian Affairs for expenditure in fiscal years 2000 and 2001. Senate Bill 105 proposes a rodent control program specifically for the Ramah Navajo Chapter to:

1. Provided response team training and community education,
2. Purchase rodent control equipment and supplies, and
3. Make the buildings located at the Ramah Chapter rodent proof.

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