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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Tsosie	DATE TYPED:	02-07-00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Navajo Head Start Mechanics Services			SB	378
				ANALYST:	Kehoe

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 135.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 428

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 378 appropriates \$135.0 from the general fund to the Office of Indian Affairs to contract for maintenance of head start program bus services for the Navajo Head Start Program.

Significant Issues

Analyses provided by the State Department of Education stresses that upkeep costs are higher for equipment operated in unpaved roads or areas with an insufficient infrastructure. Thus, the need for additional funds. The same analysis also seems to suggest that federal funds might be available to meet this need because Head Start programs are able to request "additional, one-time special needs funding from any unexpended funds from the national program."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill appropriates \$200.0 from the general fund to the Office of Indian Affairs for expenditure in fiscal year 2001. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None apparent.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SB 428 which appropriates \$200.0 to the Office of Indian Affairs to hire five roving mechanics to maintain buses used for the Navajo Head Start program.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

- Has the Navajo Head Start program applied for federal funds to provide for the additional maintenance needed? Why or why not?
- How much is currently spent to maintain the buses? How much is actually needed (SB 378 asks for \$135.0 and SB 428 requests \$200.0)?

LMK/gm