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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Madalena	DATE TYPED:	02/03/00	HB	56/aHEC
SHORT TITLE:	NMSU Native American Bridges Program			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 415.0			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

Office of Indian Affairs (OIA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Amendment

This amendment adds the following language: The institution receiving the special appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the LFC and the CHE by August 1, 2001 detailing the benefits to the State from having this program implemented for a one-year period."

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$415.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University for the Native American Bridges program to meet critical needs in Native American higher education. Funding will support a summer program of short courses; classes and workshops; and development of an American Indian studies program.

Significant Issues

According to the CHE, the Native American Bridges program is a statewide program which focuses on recruiting and retaining Native American students.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$415.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education programs: "The institution receiving the special appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the LFC and the CHE by August 1, 2003 detailing the benefits to the State from having this program implemented for a three-year period."

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