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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Tsosie DATE TYPED: 02/21/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Tribal Libraries Endowment Act SB 546/aSIAC
 ANALYST: Dotson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 1,000.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02			
	\$ (1,000.0)		Recurring	General Fund
	\$ 1,000.0		Recurring	New Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SIAC Amendments

The Senate Indian and Cultural Affairs Committee amendment specifically creates a “tribal library program” in the Library Division of the Office of Cultural Affairs. The amendment also transfers the administration of the Tribal Libraries Endowment Fund to the Tribal Library Program of the Library Division.

The amendment requires the Library Division to consult with the tribal librarians in the adoption of rules and procedures to administer the Fund.

Synopsis of Original Bill

SB 546 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to create the Tribal Libraries Endowment Fund for the purpose of funding the establishment, development and administration of tribal libraries in New Mexico.

Significant Issues

Tribal history is a significant portion of New Mexico's history. Tribes may not have the resources to create or maintain libraries to preserve this history.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1000.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund. This bill also creates a new Tribal Libraries Endowment Fund with the general appropriation.

Continuing Appropriations

This bill creates a new fund and provides for continuing appropriations. The LFC objects to including continuing appropriation language in the statutory provisions for newly created funds. Earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.

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