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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Pinto DATE TYPED: 01/29/02 HB

SHORT TITLE: Navajo Child Support Enforcement Services SB 163/aSIAC

ANALYST: Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$150.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SIAC Amendment

The Senate Indian and Public Affairs Committee amendment changes language as per recommendations of HSD and the Navajo Nation, which specify that the funds be used in support of information system technology.

Synopsis of Original Bill

SB 163 appropriates \$150.0 from the general fund to the Human Services Department to provide child support services through the Navajo Nation in NM.

Significant Issues

The Navajo Nation received direct federal funding for operations of its program effective October 01, 2001. Currently the NM child support program provides computer support for ongoing operations. The \$150.0 requested amount will be match with federal dollars for the purpose of contracting with HSD for information system support. The funds will ensure ongoing operational support as well as provide funds necessary to customize the computer system to address issues of tribal sovereignty and the uniqueness of the Navajo Nation child support program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 03 shall revert to the general fund.

The bill appropriates the funds to HSD to contract with the Navajo Nation, because the Navajo Nation has a higher federal matching rate (90% federal) than does the state. Federal dollars realized from the match total \$1,350.0.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Since HSD and the Navajo Nation would like the funds used for information system technology, the sponsor should consider amending the language as follows:

Section 11. APPROPRIATION One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the human services department for the purpose of contracting with the Navajo nation to be matched with federal funds for expenditure in fiscal year 2003 to be used in support of the information system technology needs provided by the human services department to the Navajo Nation child support enforcement program, in order to provide child support enforcement services through the Navajo Nation in New Mexico. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

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