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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Pinto DATE TYPED 02/04/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Tohatchi Youth Development SB 451

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$95.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Indian Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 451 appropriates \$95 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Indian Affairs for the purpose of youth development programs, including the youth leadership project at the Tohatchi Chapter in Tohtachi.

Significant Issues

The Department of Indian Affairs reports:.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, of the 2076 people living in Tohatchi, there are 966 youth between the ages of 0-21 years old. Approximately, 95 percent of the population is Native American, predominantly members of the Navajo Nation.

The bill allows for the OIA to contract with youth development programs. Today, Native American youth are in need of early intervention, mentoring, leadership skills, and self-esteem building programs. Native American youth face many challenges and require programs and mentors that can support them to stay in school and plan their future.

Like Indian youth elsewhere, Navajo youth are challenged by a host of problems including gang

violence, drug and alcohol abuse, theft and violent crimes, and teen pregnancy. Providing leadership programs that encompass culturally relevant components will tackle substance abuse and drug abuse issues.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$95 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

MW/yr