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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Hanosh DATE TYPED 2/02/04 HB 244

SHORT TITLE Zuni Youth Development Initiative SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Department of Indian Affairs (DIA)
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 244 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Zuni Pueblo for a youth development initiative program that includes natural resources educational workshops such as livestock, wildlife and environment education to enhance personal development, self-esteem, environment awareness and responsible citizenship.

Significant Issues

The Department of Indian Affairs reports:

The benefit of the initiative, as outlined by Zuni Pueblo, is that a youth development program will be provided which has a cultural awareness component. Like Indian youth elsewhere, Zuni youth are challenged by a host of problems including gang violence, drug and alcohol abuse, theft and violent crimes, and teen pregnancy.

This initiative tackles those issues confronted by Native American communities. The Pueblo of Zuni will commit \$45,000 of its own resources to the initiative if the bill is enacted.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 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.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The specific problem the programs are to address should be defined. Performance measures relating to the resolution of the problem should be a required integral condition for the successful contract bidder.

Consideration should be given to making the appropriation to the Department of Indian Affairs or another state entity rather than directly to Zuni Pueblo.

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