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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Harrison DATE TYPED 2/12/04 HB 495

SHORT TITLE Zuni Pueblo Youth Development Programs SB _____

ANALYST Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

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

Relates to HB 242; HB 41; HB 244; SB 435; SB 451

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of Indian Affairs (OFA)

Department of Health (DOH)

NM Public Education Department (NMPED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 495 appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the NM Office of Indian Affairs to fund youth development programs at the Pueblo of Zuni.

Significant Issue

HB 495 proposes to implement youth development programs in the Pueblo of Zuni. There is a mention of "youth leadership project," with no additional information on what is meant by the youth leadership project.

House Bill 495 consists of general language. Under this bill, any eligible youth programs including the Zuni youth development initiative can contract for the state funds.

Zuni youth are challenged by a host of problems including gang violence, drug and alcohol abuse, theft and violent crimes, and teen pregnancy.

According to the OIA, the Youth Development Initiative program is supported by the Governor and the Zuni Tribal Council. The program focuses on livestock, wildlife, and environmental education. It also provides for the personal development, self-esteem, and environmental awareness of tribal youth.

OIA states Native American youth are in need of early intervention, mentoring, leadership skills, and self-esteem building programs. Native American youth face many challenges and they require programs and mentors that can support them to stay in school and plan their future.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 05 shall revert to the General Fund.

Pueblo of Zuni will commit \$45,000 of its own resources to the youth development initiative if the state funds are appropriated to the initiative as well.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This bill will provide funding for youth development programs, which includes the youth leadership project at the Pueblo of Zuni. It is unclear if the suggested program and service will partner with existing youth programs in Zuni. It is recommended that the Pueblo of Zuni work with or coordinate with schools in providing after-school or weekend activities to build resiliency skills.

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