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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gonzales DATE TYPED 2/14/05 HB 596

SHORT TITLE Taos County Youth Programs SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Economic Development Department (EDD)

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 596 appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY06 for the purpose of contracting with a nonprofit entity to provide opportunities for Taos youth to overcome personal and societal problems by learning entrepreneurial skills, studying worldwide economic development while serving as ambassadors from New Mexico and participating in design and construction training.

#### Significant Issues:

According to DFA, the Local Government Division would provide the \$100,000 appropriation to Taos County on a cost reimbursement basis. Taos County would contract with "Taos Youth Development" a 501c non-profit organization for the purpose of helping young people develop hope and resilience through successfully confronting both personal and societal problems. The Taos Da Vinci Project focuses on serving the youth in Taos County (ages 13-24) particularly young people who are struggling to overcome financial, personal or educational obstacles. The funds

would be used to train 16 youths from Taos County in international relations, cross-cultural understanding, political systems, and global economics. Goals would include promoting New Mexico, learning best practices for sustainable development from progressive communities around the world, and applying the information here in the State.

The Public Education Department (PED) offered the following facts about the Da Vinci Project:

- Is classified as a 501(c)3 and has area support;
- Has received \$34,875 towards a goal of \$76,339 in matching funds;
- Has an established budget for implementing the program;
- Has established partnerships with local, regional and international institutions supportive of and helpful to achieving the program goals;
- Will send entrepreneurship participants to Bioneers events. Bioneers' philosophy is dedicated to environmental awareness, social justice, feminism and political action;
- Participants will also participate in Zero Emissions Research & Initiatives (ZERI) projects and training; and
- Funding has not been requested for construction of the education and training center.

PED also noted that the Taos Da Vinci Project has been in existence for six months and has already participated in one Bioneers' Conference in California, launched a logo competition and produced a calendar highlighting young people in Taos County and organizations that work with youth. Furthermore, the Project documents all program activities including the number of students served, quality of services provided, students' progress as a result of the program, fiscal stability and program sustainability.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

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