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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 SHORT TITLE Support Navajo Products and Industries SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST Weber

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	None				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Indian Affairs Department

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 7, (HJM 7), requests Congress to support the efforts of the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) and most importantly to adequately fund the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP) in order to complete construction.

#### Significant Issues

The Indian Affairs Department comments that the completion of NIIP is more than 20 years behind schedule and the construction of the project is a federal responsibility mandated by federal statute and an agreement with the Navajo Nation. The completion of the project is paramount, not only for the Navajo Nation, but also for the State of New Mexico and their water users.

NAPI utilizes water provided by NIIP to cultivate seventy thousand acres of industrial farm land. As a result, NAPI provides agricultural product to major food processing companies throughout the United States and internationally, contributes more than fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) annually to the regional economy, and provides one hundred ten full-time jobs and five hundred fifty seasonal jobs to Northwest New Mexico. The completion of NIIP would allow NAPI to cultivate an additional forty thousand acres to increase and enhance its current efforts.

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