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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Pinto DATE TYPED 02/23/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Native American Post-Secondary Prep SB 1008

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1008 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of preparing incoming American Indian freshmen students for post-secondary education at the University of New Mexico.

Significant Issues

The Indian Affairs Department reports.

The Indian Affairs Department is aware of the University of New Mexico's American Indian Summer Bridge (AISB) Program Mexico to provide student support and opportunities to ensure academic success for all UNM American Indian students. The AISB program goal is to immerse incoming freshmen students into the rigors of academic life and prepare them academically and socially for the first-year experience at UNM. Students attending the AISB take courses in math and Native American Studies, as well as seminars in study skills, time management, and leadership development.

According to the University of New Mexico's Spring 2005 official enrollment report, American Indians comprised 5.87% of the student population in undergraduate, graduate schools and professional schools. SB 1008 would greatly enhance the retention rates of American Indian students at UNM by preparing them from the outset for the academic challenges they will face throughout their time at the educational institution

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 FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

Continuing Appropriations

If Applicable

This bill creates a new fund and provides for continuing appropriations. The LFC objects to including continuing appropriation language in the statutory provisions for newly created funds. Earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.

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