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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Pinto DATE TYPED 02/23/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Indian health Care System Film SB 1010

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$45.0			Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services
Department of health

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1010 appropriates \$45 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of producing a film on the status and funding of the federal Indian health care system.

Significant Issues

Human Services indicates Indian health care is a complex issue and the purpose of the film is to illustrate the complex nature of federal, state and tribal systems of health care.

The Department of Health adds Native American health status has been among the worst in the nation. Native Americans have the worst diabetes rates in the world – four (4) times that of other Americans. Accidents, suicide and homicide are seven (7) times higher than for other Americans. Alcoholism kills Native Americans at seven (7) times the rate of other Americans. Native Americans have high infant mortality rates. Babies die at a rate one and a half time (150%) greater than the rate for whites. The average life expectancy for Native Americans nationally 71 years, compared to other Americans at 76 years. (*Executive Summary on Health Service for Urban Indians living in the Albuquerque Indian Health Servicing Area, January 15, 2004*).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$45 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.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Should funding be part of the film if it is for the general population?

MW/rs