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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Tohatchi Youth Development Program SB 1033

ANALYST Weber

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$120.0			Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian affairs Department

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1033 appropriates \$120 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of funding youth development programs, including the youth leadership project at the Tohatchi Chapter at Tohatchi.

#### Significant Issues

The Indian Affairs Department contributes.

In the past few years, a growing concern about crime, gang activity, and delinquency in Indian country has emerged. This phenomenon is attributed to many risk and protective factors. For example, a recent study of risk factors for substance abuse found that Native youths were *more* likely than other youths to perceive moderate to no risk associated with substance abuse, to perceive their parents as not strongly disapproving of their substance abuse, and to believe that all or most of the students in their school get drunk at least once a week. Further, Native youths were *less* likely than other youths to participate in youth activities or regularly attend religious services. In the case of gang activity, previous research shows that a strained social environment and a lack of positive activities for youth contributes to Indian youth gang phenomenon.

SB 1033 would address the need for positive activities, prevention and intervention programs, and leadership development for Indian youths so they do not engage in negative activities. A youth development and leadership program may help Indian youths by providing a positive alternative while helping to build competencies such as critical thinking skills, respect for self, families, and tribal communities.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$120 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.

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