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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Fox-Young	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	01/31/08 HE	529
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			ANALYST	Hanika Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

HB 529 duplicates SB 495, and SB 507

SOURCES OF INFORMATION LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> Department of Health (DOH) Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 529 appropriates \$150 thousand to IAD to establish youth development programs in tribal communities that promote self-esteem, health and wellness through running.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

IAD reports that the bill will establish youth development programs in New Mexico's tribal communities that promote self-esteem, health and wellness through running. Youth development programs that use running or other extracurricular activities have been associated with higher levels of academic achievement, improved self-esteem, and lower levels of substance abuse. This

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may be important in light of the fact that 35.5 percent of American Indian youth in New Mexico used illicit drugs in 2005, the highest use rate among all races according to DOH. Additionally, seventeen percent of American Indian youth are overweight and 18 percent have Body Mass Index results that put them at risk for being overweight in the future.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB 529 duplicates SB 495, and SB 507. All three bills appropriate funding to establish Tribal community youth development programs.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DOH reports the current physical activity recommendation for youth is to engage in at least 60 minutes of moderate activity preferably daily. In 2005, 57% of NM high school students reported getting vigorous activity at least three days per week for 20 minutes, and 22% of students reported getting moderate activity at least five days per week for 30 minutes.

Among New Mexico high school youth, American Indians have the highest rates of obesity (17.4%) compared to their non-American Indian peers.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Funding will not be provided through this legislation for youth development programs in tribal communities.

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