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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/20/09

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SHORT TITLE Native American Youth Development SB 614

ANALYST Burns

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$40.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB192  
 Relates to SM004  
 Relates to SB592

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)  
 Department of Health (DOH)  
 Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 614 appropriates \$40 thousand from the general fund to the Indian affairs department for the purpose of promoting youth development and summer running camps for children living in New Mexico's Native American communities.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$40 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the February 2009 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$575 million less than the FY09 appropriations before the 2009 solvency reductions. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

According to IAD, youth development programs as proposed by SB 495 may positively impact health outcomes and the educational achievement of American Indian youth in New Mexico. 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.<sup>1</sup> 17 percent of American Indian youth are overweight and.<sup>2</sup> The programs established by SB 495 would help address these issues by providing Native American youth with development programs in their own communities.

According to DOH, results of the *2007 New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey* show that among Native American students in grades 9-12, a greater number used tobacco, initiated tobacco use at age 12 or younger, had attempted suicide, used marijuana within the past 30 days, were overweight or were at risk for being overweight, than their peers for all other ethnicities.

## **RELATIONSHIP**

SB192 appropriates \$230,000 to the Indian Affairs Department for the Tohatchi Chapter of the Navajo Nation to fund youth development programs, including the youth leadership project.

SM4 proposes that the Indian Affairs Department and the Department of Health evaluate the positive health outcomes of the Native American Soccer Program and the Annual Indigenous Soccer Cup organized by Southwest Youth Services, Inc. by November 2009.

SB592 appropriates \$150,000 to the Department of Health to support and promote positive child and youth development through the implementation of the Adolescent Health Strategic Plan.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

\$40,000 would not be available from the General Fund to the Department of Indian Affairs for expenditure in FY2010 to promote youth development programs and summer running camps for children living in New Mexico's Native American communities.

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<sup>1</sup> National Survey on Drug Use and Health. "Youth Activities, Substance Use, and Family Income." Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1, last accessed on 2/18/09, [www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k7/youthActs/youthActs.htm](http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k7/youthActs/youthActs.htm).

<sup>2</sup> New Mexico Department of Health "New Mexico American Indian Health Status Data Report, 2005." 58, last accessed 2/18/09, [http://www.health.state.nm.us/pdf/health\\_status\\_report\\_final.pdf](http://www.health.state.nm.us/pdf/health_status_report_final.pdf).