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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/12/13

SPONSOR Pinto LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Support & Preserve Code Talkers' Legacy SJM 41

ANALYST Wojahn

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Minimal					

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 41 requests the United States Congress and various federal agencies support the preservation of the Navajo Code Talkers' remarkable legacy.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

During World War II, these modest young radio operators fashioned from the Navajo language the only unbreakable code in military history. These brave young Navajo men were sworn to secrecy twenty three years after the war. Now in their eighties, and with fewer than fifty remaining from the original four hundred, the urgency to recapture and share their stories and memorabilia from their service in the war is now critical.

Senate Joint Memorial 41 requests Congress, the Department of Interior, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, Department of State, and the Department of Energy support preservation of this part in America's crucial history.

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