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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/12/14

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SHORT TITLE Kinteel Residence in Aztec SM 91

ANALYST Gudgel

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	See Fiscal Implications		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 91 requests the Senate request the New Mexico congressional delegation to aid in the effort to financial support the planning, design, construction, and equipping of the Kinteel Residential Campus in Aztec. Copies of the memorial are to be sent to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Education, Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly, Navajo Nation Department of Dine' Education, the Governor, PED Secretary, the San Juan County Board of Commissioners, and the New Mexico Legislative Council.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The memorial does not have a fiscal impact. However, it notes that with a \$5 million commitment, a new 112-bed residential dormitory could be built to provide safe and appropriate housing for students currently residing at the Kinteel Residential Campus in Aztec.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Kinteel Residential Campus, formerly known as the Aztec High School Dormitory, has been providing living quarters for Native American students since the 1950s. Aztec Dormitory (currently the Kinteel Residential Campus) was the seventh border town dormitory, established in September of 1954. A temporary trial building was built near Aztec High School to determine if the concept was going to be successful. Due to the success, further actions were made to build a permanent building. In September 1954, only 20 students ranging from second to 12th grade attended the dormitory.

The purpose of the border town dormitories was to relieve the crowded school conditions on the reservations. Border town dormitories were also made to integrate non-Native American students. Aztec Dormitory was completed in the spring of 1964. The dormitory was occupied in September 1964. There were 128 students - 93 students attended Aztec High School and 35 students attended Koogler Junior High. The number of lower grades began to reduce as elementary schools were built on the Navajo Reservation. Aztec Dormitory made a 20 year contract with Aztec High School to pay the out of state tuition, books, parental services, athletic activities, etc. of resident students.

In July of 1998, pursuant to Public Law 100.207, Aztec Dormitory became a grant status dormitory. The official name of Aztec Dormitory became Aztec High School Dormitory, School Board Association, Inc. Aztec has been in "grant" status for 12 years with much success and improvements. In March of 2009 the Board of Trustees changed the name to Kinteel Residential Campus, Inc. to disassociate the dorm from derogatory remarks and biases that existed at the time related to references of the dorm being an educational program for needy families. "Kinteel" mans a long structure or building, and is commonly used to reference the Aztec ruins.

Kinteel is a grant-based dormitory operated by a Board of Trustees that awards scholarships to Native American students who apply to live there. The student population living at Kinteel is mostly Navajo, though Kinteel will accept Native American students who are at least a quarter Native American according to their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood.

All students who reside in the dormitory are expected to carry out responsibilities that are placed upon them in the following areas: student code of conduct; student dress code; major and minor violations; study hall; bus policy; behavior modification point system; drug and alcohol policy; individual detail duty; maintain GPA; Navajo culture and language classes.

Campus activities include: academic tutoring; beginning- and end-of-year picnics; intramural sports; co-ed volleyball and basketball tournaments; counseling; team building activities; incentive activities; skating, good behavior, honors, and swimming trips; Native culture student presentations and training; Native American life skills; and recreational activities.

The Navajo Nation Department of Dine' Education oversees the dormitory and the property is designated as federal land, which means the campus is "Indian Country." The campus is governed by Navajo Nation laws and rules.

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