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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Louis/Johnson/Lente LAST UPDATED _____ HM 75

SHORT TITLE NM Tribal Community Needs SB _____

ANALYST Chilton

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to 2018 Senate Bill 151, 2009 Senate Bill 196.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Not Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Department of Health (DOH)

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Memorial

House Memorial 75 directs a group of agencies to work together to develop policy regarding the education, health, social welfare, behavioral health, and “other essential services” to the 23 Native American tribes of New Mexico. The named participants would be

- New Mexico Clearinghouse for Suicide Prevention
- New Mexico Indian Title VI coalition of the Indian area agency on aging
- Southwest Indian Law Clinic
- American Indian language policy research and treatment center
- Institute for indigenous knowledge and development
- Tribal libraries program
- Indian education advisory council
- New Mexico tribal Indian child welfare social workers consortium
- Tewa Women United
- Tribal-state judicial consortium

This group would deliver their recommendations to the Interim Indian Affairs committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation in the memorial. There would be personnel costs for attending committee meetings.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico's tribal communities express many strengths important to the state, but also encounter numerous problems, many of which are enumerated in the preamble to the memorial. Native communities have high rates of poverty; substance abuse; suicide and other forms of violence; dropping out of education at K-12 and college levels; obesity and diabetes; and decreased life expectancy.

The memorial cites several facts, the impacts of which affect state-tribal collaboration:

- The existence of federal obligations toward Native communities, especially in the areas of health and education
- The nature of the [US federal] government to [tribal] government relationship
- The effect of the “new federalism” begun in the 1980s, causing the devolution of some federal responsibilities toward Native American people to the states
- The usage of flow-through methodology whereby federal funding passes through state government to tribal governments and programs
- Recent cutbacks in federal budgets
- The State-Tribal Collaboration Act” of 2009.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates with numerous past bills dealing with aspects of tribal members' well-being, including 2017 HB484 and 2018 HB 151 which require Indian-impacted school districts to assess needs and direct resources to insure success of their Native American students; and 2016 HB 109 and 2017 HJM21, both related to health needs of Native American communities; and to 2016 HB 243, which would have provided support, programs for urban Indians. The memorial makes reference to 2009 Senate Bill 196, enacted as the “State-Tribal Collaboration Act.”

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The named groups would not be directed to present a set of recommendations to the Indian Affairs Interim Committee.

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