

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

ORIGINAL BILL ANALYSIS

Date Prepared: 2/22/2025

Bill Number: SB 468

Sponsor: Charley / Pinto

Short Title: Tribal Liaison Programs

Agency Name and Code Number: NM Indian Affairs Dept 60900

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Section II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0	\$33,000	Nonrecurring	State General Fund to LGD DFA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected

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Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

This bill proposes an appropriation of \$33 million from the state's general fund to the local government division of the Department of Finance and Administration. This funding is designated for fiscal year 2026 to establish a tribal liaison program in each county. The programs will offer nonpartisan services, including voter education and awareness initiatives, translation assistance, and voter registration drives. Any funds that remain unexpended or unencumbered by the end of fiscal year 2026 are set to revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill does include an appropriation of \$33,000,000.00 from the state general fund to the DFA Local Government Division. This bill does not contain any appropriations for the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, as a result there is no fiscal impact to the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

IAD defers to DFA and the Secretary of State's Office regarding voting issues and/or matters addressed in this bill.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS