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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/13/09

SPONSOR Lovejoy LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Establish Canoncito Band Descendants SB 542

ANALYST Burns

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 542 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund for the purpose of funding a genealogy project to assist in determining the descendents of the original Canoncito band.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the general fund

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$293 million, or 2.6 percent, less than the FY09 appropriation. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to IAD SB 542 describes the purpose of the appropriation as “determining the descendents of the original Canoncito band,” but the underlying purpose for making such determination is unknown. Therefore the Act may be deemed ambiguous and unclear as to the benefits that may result from any relevant parties from the appropriation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

IAD lacks specific the specific training and education necessary to properly conduct genealogy research. IAD would need to contract with experts in this field in order to fulfill the intent of the project.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The purpose of SB 542 for the proposed genealogy project is unclear and IAD or any other state agency would not have sufficient guidance for undertaking, completing or reporting the findings of the project.

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

\$150 thousand will not be appropriated to complete a genealogy project to determine the descendants of the original Canoncito band.

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