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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/18/09

SPONSOR Pinto LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Create Indian Arts & Culture Week SB 567

ANALYST Burns

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Tourism Department (TD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 567 in recognition of the contributions of Native Americans to the culture of New Mexico and of the importance of Native American heritage to the cultural vitality of New Mexico, the third full week of August each year is designated as “Indian Arts and Culture Week”.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation or expenditures directly contained in Senate Bill 567. There could be a fiscal impact to the state if the state or state agencies take part in promotional activities to support Indian Arts and Culture Week.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 567 recognizes that the contribution of Native Americans to the overall culture of the State of New Mexico, and the inclusion of the diverse Native American heritage and histories in State events, is important to the cultural vitality of New Mexico.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Increased tourism promotion, specifically geared to the travel visitors in search of Native American art and culture should result in increased visitation to New Mexico, a key performance measure for TD.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to DCA, although not directly mentioned in the language of the bill, it is assumed that this bill is intended to show support for the annual Santa Fe Indian Market, produced each year on the third weekend in August by SWAIA. It should also be noted that during this time of year there is special programming up at state-run Museum of Indian Arts & Culture (MIAC) and the privately-run Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian.

ALTERNATIVES

Indian Arts and Culture Week could be dedicated through an executive proclamation as opposed to in statute.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

In statute there will not be a designated annual “Indian Arts and Culture Week” during the third week of August.

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