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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/23/09

SPONSOR Pinto LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Native American Film Industry Training SB 615

ANALYST Burns

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$10.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 122 Albuquerque Youth Digital Media Training

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 615 appropriates ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the general fund to the local government division of the department of finance and administration for the purpose of providing intensive theatrical production and filmmaking workshops to teach Native Americans the necessary skills to be competitive in seeking and gaining employment in New Mexico's film industry.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the February 2009 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$575 million less than the FY09 appropriations before the 2009 solvency reductions. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to IAD, SB 615 would provide support for a program that could potentially increase the number Native Americans participating in the film and communications industry in the state and elsewhere. This coincides with New Mexico’s continued emphasis on utilizing filmmaking as an economic development tool.

RELATIONSHIP

SB 122 appropriates \$100 thousand to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the Department of Cinematic Arts to provide digital media training and outreach for youth in Albuquerque.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The long title of the bill indicates that the bill’s appropriation would be made to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration. However, in the body of bill, the Indian Affairs Department is named as the recipient. It is unclear which department should receive the funds.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Funding would not be appropriated to provide theatrical and filmmaking workshops for Native American students.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Is the funding sufficient to perform the purpose of the appropriation?
2. Is the language in the bill too specific for the type of training to be done?

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