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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Begaye	DATE TYPED:	02/05/00	HB	299
SHORT TITLE:	Children's Health Insurance Phase Two Plan			SB	
				ANALYST:	Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 600.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB2/HAFCS, SB2, HB23, SB139

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

NM Health Policy Commission

Department of Health did not respond

Human Services Department did not respond

Children, Youth and Families Department did not respond

Office of Indian Affairs did not respond

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill appropriates \$100.0 to contract for a demographer to develop an ongoing method to determine the number of Native American children, their location and eligibility for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance program (SCHIP); and \$500.0 to fund children's health boards in tribal areas to guide the Native American component of SCHIP Phase 2 including a needs assessment and resource inventory.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill appropriates \$600.0 in general fund in FY01 to the Department of Health (DOH).

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

The bill relates to HB2/HAFCS, SB2, and HB23 which already contain funding for SCHIP Phase 1, various local health planning initiatives in DOH, funding for UNM-BBER for demographic/census work, and several other bills appropriating funds for children's health including Native American special needs children (SB139).

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Health Policy Commission indicates SCHIP Phase 2 was not approved by the federal Health Care Financing Administration and as such does not exist.

The Health Policy Commission also suggests the following alternatives to the bill:

- rely on census data;
- use existing state programs to conduct local health planning and needs assessment such as maternal and child health councils; and
- tribes/pueblos could fund the health boards and/or the Indian Health Service could assist with this function.

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