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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Salazar	DATE TYPED:	02/04/00	HB	402
SHORT TITLE:	Frail Elders in Tribal Communities Services			SB	
				ANALYST:	Kehoe

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 50.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Agency on Aging

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House bill 402 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs to develop a plan to provide needed services to frail elders in tribal communities statewide.

Significant Issues

Numerous tribal entities are currently considering options for providing long-term care services in their communities and considering the development of nursing homes. However, the State Agency on Aging is collaborating with some tribes and pueblos to implement certain services, including adult day care services, homemaker and other in-home services which are considered most cost effective. The State Agency on Aging recommends that tribal communities develop a plan that would consider various options, determine the most cost-effective long-term care system, and obtain input from elders. The funding proposed in House Bill 402 would augment this planning process.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation contained in House Bill 402 is for expenditure in fiscal year 2001. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances at the end of fiscal year 2001 reverts to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 402 requires that the New Mexico of Office of Indian Affairs develop the proposed plan to provide needed services to frail elders in tribal communities statewide. The agency does not have the manpower or expertise to develop a plan. However, the agency could contract for the expertise needed to develop the plan.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Proposed amendment to House Bill 402: On page 1, line 18, strike the words "to develop" and insert in lieu thereof the words "to contract for development of." The proposed amendment would allow the Office of Indian Affairs to contract for the development of the plan.

LMK/gm