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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Begaye DATE TYPED: 2//14/023 HB 529

SHORT TITLE: San Juan County Underserved Youth Program SB _____

ANALYST: L. Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$100.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation for San Juan College in the General Appropriation Act

Responses Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
 Children, Youth & Families Department (CYFD)
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 529 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Governing Board of San Juan College (SJC) to develop a community-based program to address the needs of underserved youth aged six to eighteen living in San Juan county using an established program model that includes youth development, basic and life skills and appropriate training for volunteers.

Significant Issues

This request was not included in SJC's budget request to the SJC Board of Governors and thus was not included in the list of priority projects submitted by SJC to the CHE for review.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The DOH reports that SJC will serve as fiscal agent for the program. Which entity will administer the program is unclear.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The DOH analysis states that the appropriation in HB 529 may include a program targeted towards a golf instructional program called "First Tee", which targets Navajo youth, aged 6-18 years old. This aspect of the program will be conducted during summer sessions and students will be taught at the Kirtland Golf Course, near Farmington, New Mexico, and will require that participants be bussed to Kirtland where the program will be conducted because the program is not based at the community or chapter house level.

AMENDMENTS

The CHE suggests adding the following language for all new recurring higher education programs (assuming that funding will continue beyond 2003-2004):

"A plan for a program evaluation, including specific program goals and criteria for assessing program effectiveness, shall be submitted to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education by October 1, 2004. An assessment of the program will be completed prior to June 30, 2005, and submitted to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education."

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How many youths this program will serve?
2. Who will administer the program?
3. How many components will the program have?
4. Is the SJC supportive of this program and willing to act as fiscal agent?

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