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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Pinto DATE TYPED: 2/12/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Navajo Nation Special License Plates SB 593

ANALYST: Wilson

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04			
	Indeterminate		Recurring	Motor Vehicle Division, GF: \$10 per plate
	Indeterminate		Recurring	State Road Fund: \$9.98 per plate
	Indeterminate		Recurring	*Local Govts: \$5.02 per plate

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

*Local Government funds include distributions to various county general funds and roads funds, municipal road uses, and county and municipal general funds.

Relates to other bills proposing special license plates.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

No Responses Received From
Taxation & Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 593 provides for Navajo Nation special vehicle registration license plates. The special license plate will be issued for an annual fee of \$25 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees.

The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) of the TRD shall establish and issue Navajo Nation special registration plates in accordance with the provisions of SB 593 and shall adopt and promulgate procedures for application for and issuance of Navajo Nation special registration plates.

The MVD, with the advice and consultation of the Navajo Nation Department of Highway Safety, shall determine the color and design of the Navajo Nation special registration plate and provide for its issuance.

Significant Issues

The Navajo Nation would receive special plates for their vehicles.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 593 appropriates \$10.00 of the fee collected for each Navajo Nation special registration plate to the MVD in fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the manufacture and issuance of the registration plates. Thereafter, that amount of each fee shall be paid to the state treasurer for credit to the Motor Vehicle Suspense Fund (MVSF) for distribution in accordance with the formula set out in Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

The remaining \$15.00 of the fee collected for each Navajo Nation special registration plate shall be paid to the state treasurer for credit to the MVSF for distribution in accordance with the formula set out Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978."

The New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs (OIA) is added to the list of agencies receiving funds from the MVSF. OIA will disburse the funds to the Navajo Nation Department of Highway Safety for implementation of safety measures on roads throughout the Navajo Nation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

It is not known if the \$10 portion of the fee that MVD receives will cover the cost of the license plates.

RELATIONSHIP

Other special "prestige" license plates have been proposed during the 2003 session:

- HB 75, Armed Forces Retirees Special License
- HB 201, Special Plates for Retired Firefighters (duplicate of SB 496)
- HB 378, Special Plates for Retired NM Letter Carriers
- HB 379, Special Plates for Letter Carriers
- HB 464, Special Plates for Retired State Police
- HB 520, Special Plates for National Guard Members
- HB 566, Special Plates for Supporting Spayed Pets
- HB 602, Special Plates for Retired NM National Guard
- SB 197, License Plate for Active Duty Servicemen
- SB 210, License Plates for Retired State Police
- SB 211, License Plates for NM Mail Carriers
- SB 493, Special Plates for NM HS Rodeo Association
- SB 496, Special Plates for Retired Firefighters