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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Tsosie DATE TYPED: 02/17/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Albuquerque Native American Youth Services SB 633

ANALYST: Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$250.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Office of Indian Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 633 appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Indian Affairs for Native American youth and their families for peacemaking and home visiting services.

Significant Issues

The Office of Indian Affairs reports that there is a disproportionate minority, including Native American youth, represented in New Mexico's juvenile correction facilities. In Albuquerque, Indian youth are tempted by gangs, drugs, and many other unhealthy outlets. Programs that would include peacemaking services and home visitation may prevent a significant number of youth incarcerations. Peacemaking and mediation techniques can be used throughout one's life to successfully diffuse potentially violent situations.

Home visitation is a crucial service that would assist social workers, educators, and parents in making healthy changes in some family dynamics, while assisting parents in creating or maintaining a safe and stable home life for their children. This could also help at-risk youth stay in school and even excel at school.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250.0 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.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

It is not clear what constitutes peacekeeping or home visit services.

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