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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Pinto	DATE TYPED:	02/24/03	HB	
SHORT TITLE: SIPI College-Level Curriculum & Materials				SB	762
			ANAL	YST:	Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$80.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From Office of Indian Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 762 appropriates \$80,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Indian Affairs to fund college-level curriculum materials and resources at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic institute.

Significant Issues

The Office of Indian Affairs reports the funding will be used to purchase textbooks, assist with development of the Long Distance Learning Center, and assist in developing curricula for the early childhood education, math and science among others.

SIPI has a new Science and Technology Center and curricula would be developed for this area along with the Long Distance Learning Center.

The Long Distance Learning Center allows students to take classes while living hundreds of miles away on a reservation. This allows students to stay with their families and in their communities, while receiving an excellent education. The Long Distance Learning Center is ideal for students with families, as well as elders.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$80.0 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.

MW/yr