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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nava DATE TYPED 2/12/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE National Indian Youth Leadership Project SB 421

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$250.0			Recurring	

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of Indian Affairs (IAD)
 Department of Health (DOH)
 Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 421 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the DOH/Behavioral Health Services Division to fund the National Indian Youth Leadership Project (NIYLP) assisting Native youth. The mission of the NIYLP is to engage Native youth in challenging activities and meaningful experiences in the community preparing them for healthy lives as capable, contributing members of their family, community, tribe and nation.

Significant Issues

DOH reports the NIYLP is a community-based nonprofit organization serving middle and high school students in and around the Gallup area for nearly twenty years. NIYLP science-based prevention program "Project Venture" has received numerous awards and is recognized as a model program.

The IAD reports the NIYLP has implemented several traditional Native American approaches to teaching and learning that both affirm the group identity of Native American people and can help rebuild tribal communities through the efforts of their young people.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB 421 assists the DOH in meeting behavioral health services performance measures to delay the onset of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs for youth.

SB 421 aligns with state initiatives to provide quality after-school, weekend and summer services to students promoting physical and mental well being, safe communities and meaningful transition into the work environment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

The NIYLP currently receives \$219.5 thousand from the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The drug and alcohol dependence rates are highest in the northwest region of New Mexico. McKinley County traditionally leads the state in DUI arrest rates, and has the highest alcohol related death rates.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

Additional state funding will not be available through SB 421.

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