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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Pinto DATE TYPED 02/14/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE San Juan and McKinley Emergency Services SB 754

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$600.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act
Relates to HB 546

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department
Department of Public Safety

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 754 appropriates \$600.0 from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department to contract with the Navajo Nation for provision of emergency management services in San Juan and McKinley counties.

Significant Issues

The Indian Affairs Department notes that according to a proposed budget submitted by the Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management, the funds would be used to support efforts to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies by providing direct assistance to chapter residents. Priority is to be given to individuals considered “high risk” such as the elderly, handicapped, single parents, families with low or no income and those living in remote areas.

According to the proposed budget submitted by the Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management, a majority of the requested funds would go towards administrative costs and approximately 11% would go toward providing direct assistance, such as food, shelter, and clothing, to individuals in need.

The NNDEM's proposed budget is as follows:

Personnel & Benefits (8 positions/2 are currently vacant)	\$294,067.00
Travel Expenses	\$66,692.00
Supplies	\$28,600.00
Lease & Rental	\$19,026.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$14,200.00
Contractual Services	\$3,000.00
Special Transactions	\$12,426.00
Assistance	\$68,716.00
Capital Outlay	\$40,000.00
Matching & Indirect	\$53,273.00

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$600.0 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Indian Affairs notes SB 754 relates to HB 546. However, the appropriation in HB 546 is to enhance the emergency preparedness abilities of 53 Navajo chapters. SB 754 is to contract with the Navajo Nation for emergency preparedness services in San Juan and McKinley counties.

The language in SB 754 would limit the number of New Mexico Navajo chapters that could be served. There are at least 53 chapters in New Mexico and they are located in McKinley, San Juan, Sandoval, Cibola, Socorro and possibly other counties. As well, the language in SB 754 mandates that IAD contract with the Navajo Nation and HB 546 does not make such a mandate.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Should a minimum amount used for direct assistance be specified?

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