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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Robinson DATE TYPED 2-16-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE American Indian and Alaskan Film and TV Training SB 909

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$75.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Indian Affairs (DIA)
NM Economic Development Department (EDD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 909 appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) for expenditure in FY06 to support a film and television training program for American Indian and Alaska native culture and arts development.

Significant Issues:

The Economic Development Department believes that:

With the burgeoning of the film and television industry in New Mexico, allowing American Indians to have the opportunity to receive training to participate in this new market is vital. SB 909 would encourage the continued development of the film and TV industry in New Mexico and allow American Indians to receive appropriate knowledge and skills in-

strumental to securing jobs in this field. SB 909 could provide an excellent mechanism to assist with the stimulation of career development and could also be a tool to foster social enrichment and community outreach.

Allowing these funds to go to NM tribal colleges and institutions such as the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute and the Institute of American Indian Arts would allow American Indian students who are beginning their careers to have access to a viable and interesting field of study.

The DIA states that:

This bill, if passed, could be applied to an existing animation project created by a native New Mexican. The animated series called "Ravens Tales", created by Chris Kientz from Las Cruces, is based on the Trickster myths of the Northwest Coast First Nations people. The requested appropriation could result in collaboration between the Inuits and the Mescalero Apaches. "Ravens Tales" took second place in the Governor's Cup Film Festival.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The EDD writes that the DIA does not have the expertise to provide training for film or television programs. They might want to look to the Tourism Department for help in those areas. The DIA, however, could provide support in a collaborative effort between American Indians and Native Alaskans. The Film Office could help with any training or mentorship programs that relate to film production and offer financial incentives to the film makers

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

The training activities proposed in this bill might not be available to Native Americans.

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