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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Tsosie **DATE TYPED** 2/7/05 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Tribal Libraries Program **SB** 658

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APPROPRIATION

(in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 658 appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund to Cultural Affairs Department (DCA) in FY06 and subsequent fiscal years for the State Library's expansion of permanent funding for the Tribal Libraries Program for cultural preservation and other programming.

Significant Issues

Currently, the tribal libraries program receives about \$270,000 each year. Additionally, DCA funds a consultant and a Crown Point librarian. According to DCA, SB658 would provide \$50 thousand to continue the development of the tribal language web site and \$50 thousand for direct grants to tribal communities that would be used for training and general library development such as computers, books, equipment and programming.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would not revert to the general fund.

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