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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/05/06

SPONSOR Pinto LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Intertribal Ceremonial SB 615

ANALYST Earnest

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$375.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SB 615 relates to HB 578, HB 475, and HC 238.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Tourism Department (TD)

Department of Indian Affairs (DIA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 615 appropriates \$375 thousand from the general fund to the Tourism Department for the Intertribal Ceremonial.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$375 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation is not made directly to the Intertribal Ceremonial Fund or the Intertribal Ceremonial Office, which is administratively attached to the Tourism Department.

TD reports that more than 30,000 visitors from throughout the US, as well as Mexico, Canada and Europe, attend this event. Increasing the number of visitors to New Mexico is a key performance measure of NMTD.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 615 relates to:

- HB 578, which appropriates \$50 thousand to the Tourism Department for the Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial.
- HB 475, which appropriates \$295 thousand to the Intertribal Ceremonial Fund and amends the Intertribal Ceremonial Act.
- HC 238, which requests \$75 thousand to acquire land and a building for the Intertribal Ceremonial Office in Gallup, NM.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The 2006 ceremonial will mark the 85th Intertribal Ceremonial in Gallup. Last year, 30 Native American tribes were represented at the event. The multi-day festivities include an arts and crafts market, second in attendance only to Indian Market in Santa Fe. The lodging and restaurant industries in Gallup are significantly impacted during the week of the ceremonial.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If this or other legislation to support the Intertribal Ceremonial is not enacted, the event might not have adequate funding for FY07.

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