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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/24/07

SPONSOR Madelena LAST UPDATED _____ HB 70

SHORT TITLE Making an Appropriation to the Bureau of Elections
for Native American Voter Education SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$150.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB69

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Secretary of State

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 70, making an Appropriation to the Bureau of Elections for Native American Voter Education, appropriates \$150.0 thousand from the GENERAL FUND to the Bureau of Elections in the Office of the Secretary of State for the purpose of voter education for Native Americans.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150.0 thousand contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This bill would impact the following performance measures for the agency:

1. Number of newly registered voters
2. Number of users educated or advised on issues such as voting rights, electronic filing, ethics law, general code of conduct, campaign finance, financial disclosures and lobbying.

If the bill is enacted the targets for these measure should increase.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to the Secretary of State's office, it plans to hire temporary employees to perform voter education.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 69 appropriates \$74,000 from the general fund to the bureau of elections in the Secretary of State's office to fund 2 FTE to serve as Native American voting coordinators.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Are there existing positions that could be responsible for voter education for Native Americans?
If not, would this appropriation be used to hire staff?

What steps will be taken to provide voter education for Native Americans?

In what specific ways would the agency track whether or not voter education for Native Americans has been achieved?

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