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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Pinto	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	2/7/2007 HB	
SHORT TITL	E Tribal Library Cult	cural Preservation	SB	813
			ANALYST	Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bills 99, 382, & 652

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)
Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 813 appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to department of Cultural Affairs for the State Library's Tribal Libraries program for cultural preservation and programming.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation provided by this bill will allow for programming and related training to follow-up on a Tribal Libraries Leadership Institute on Cultural Preservation held in June 2006.

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According to a 2002 industry trade-group publication, the New Mexico State Library's Tribal Libraries program was the first of its kind in the nation to provide specialized library development services to tribal communities on a statewide basis. The program was initiated through a 1994 \$500,000 appropriation to establish a technology access project on New Mexico's Indian reservations.¹

The Tribal Library Program offers specialized library development to tribal communities on a statewide basis. The mission of the program is to promote and support information access in tribal communities with emphasis on current technology and tribal library development. The Tribal Libraries Program serves nearly 139,000 Pueblo, Apache, and Navajo community members in New Mexico. The program employs two full-time consultants and has a training and outreach center located on the Navajo Nation in Crownpoint.

Responsibilities consists of a direct grant program, technology training and support, consulting services, technical services support, and other services for tribal communities. Two full-time consultants serve 22 Native American communities in New Mexico by offering individual onsite consultation on all topics, including technology, policies and planning, programming, and best library practices.

ADMINISTRATION

The Cultural Affairs department did not specify the method of administration for this legislation.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Cultural Affairs department did not specify technical issues arising with enactment of this legislation.

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¹ Mountain Plains Library Association Newsletter, August 2002.