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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Lovejoy **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/16/08  
**LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** Tribal Emergency Management Services **SB** 15

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$450.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 15 appropriates \$450 thousand from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for expenditure in FY09 to provide funding for tribal emergency management services.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$450 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. SB 15 appropriates \$150 thousand to the 10 southern Indian pueblos, \$150 thousand to the eight northern pueblos, \$75 thousand to the Jicarilla Apache Nation, and \$75 thousand to the Mescalero Apache Tribe. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the General Fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The DOH reports that there is currently no dedicated General Fund support for emergency management services for the 22 Native American Tribes in New Mexico. DOH has been

collaborating with the 22 tribes to conduct health emergency preparedness activities with support from a small amount of federal funding. The tribes are working toward addressing gaps identified in a 2007 preparedness assessment.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Navajo Nation is not included in the list of Native American Tribes receiving funding for emergency services through this bill.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Establishing mutual aid agreements with sovereign tribes and developing statewide unified response plans will help secure the health and safety of tribal members and non-tribal members in surrounding communities during individual and public health emergencies.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

How was the distribution of funds to each of the tribes identified in the bill determined?

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