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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/01/08

SPONSOR Pinto LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Tohatchi Youth Development Programs SB 525

ANALYST Hanika-Ortiz

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 525 appropriates \$100 thousand from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department to fund youth development programs, including the youth leadership project, at the Tohatchi chapter of the Navajo Nation.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 525 appropriates \$100 thousand from the General Fund to IAD for expenditure in FY09. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the General Fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 525 would provide the financial resources necessary to continue the work of the Navajo Nation to ensure the positive development of the youth at the Tohatchi Chapter.

IAD reports that The Tohatchi Chapter currently has an Office of Youth Development. Its mission is “to advocate for our youth through partnerships with community resources; to develop

healthy generations of resilient and educated youth who will support the Sovereignty of the Diné Nation”. The Tohatchi Chapter also has a Boys and Girls Club of Diné Nation with a mission to, “inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens”.

IAD further reports that according to the 2000 United States Census, of the 2,076 people living at the Tohatchi Chapter, 862 are youth between the ages of 0-19 years. Approximately 95% of the population are Native American and members of the Navajo Nation. The Tohatchi Chapter is located in McKinley County where 36% of students’ ages 5-17 live in poverty.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

According to DOH, The 2005 New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS) results show that among Native American students in grades 9-12, a greater number used tobacco, initiated tobacco use at age 12 or younger, had attempted suicide, used marijuana within the past 30 days, were at risk for being overweight, and were overweight than their peers of all other ethnicities. In 2003, Native American Youth demonstrated a 10% greater rate of suicide attempts within the past year than their peers of all other ethnicities.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

SB525 relates to:

HB30, which contains an appropriation to DOH for a Native American youth-led peer-to-peer suicide prevention program.

HB358, which contains an appropriation to DOH for youth programs focused on substance abuse and suicide prevention by training youth in government.

HB586, which contains an appropriation to Public Education Department (PED) for funding youth empowerment and positive youth development programs in Questa, Taos, the Pueblo of Taos, the Pueblo of Picuris and Penasco.

HM34 and SM9, which requests a study of the possible correlation between antidepressant use and suicide ideation.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The Navajo Nation is taking several proactive steps to ensure its youth are provided proper programs to help battle the problems that plague the Nation. Similar to other ethnic groups and communities throughout the United States, Native American youth are in need of early intervention, mentoring, leadership skills and self-esteem building programs.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Additional funding may not be available to fund youth development programs in Tohachi.

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