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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS – 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2/6/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 242 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Pinto
Agency Name and Code: Indian Affairs Department 60900
Number: _____
Short Title: Indian Family Protection Act
Compliance
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
	3,000.0	Recurring	Gen Fund

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: SB 242 appropriates \$3,000,000 from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for the Office of Tribal Affairs (OTA) to hire a field liaison to ensure compliance with the Indian Family Protection Act and the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill includes an appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the state general fund to CYFD. This bill does not contain any appropriations for the Indian Affairs Department (IAD); as a result, there is no fiscal impact to IAD.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The State-Tribal Collaboration Act specifies that every state agency shall designate a tribal liaison, who reports directly to the office of the state agency (Section 11-18-3(E) NMSA 1978). That liaison serves as the contact person who maintains ongoing communication between the state agency and affected nations, pueblos and tribes. Currently, CYFD has a tribal liaison. This bill is not clear on the duties of a “field liaison,” including compliance parameters and for whom. IAD defers to CYFD for any further implications from this bill.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS