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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Begaye DATE TYPED: 02/14/01 HB 682  
 SHORT TITLE: NA Advisory Committee for Per Diem & Mileage SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST: Chabot

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 15.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files  
 Governor's Committee on Concerns of the Handicapped (GCCH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$15.0 from the general fund to GCCH for the purpose of paying per diem and mileage expenses for members of the Native American advisory committee to GCCH.

#### Significant Issues

Members of the Governor's Committee receive per diem and mileage for attending committee meetings. According to GCCH, Native American attend meetings because Native Americans with disabilities have significant issues accessing disability-related programs inside the Pueblos and Reservations. The bill references the Native American advisory committee for GCCH. However, this advisory committee does not exist. GCCH would welcome their participation on more than an ad hoc basis. Native American attendees are not authorized per diem to attend these meetings since they are not official members of the Governor's Committee.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$15.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

GCCH, in conjunction with the Office of Indian Affairs, would have to develop policies and procedures on selecting a Native American advisory committee to GCCH and how many members would be authorized per diem and mileage. Since the appropriation is specific, separate accounting would be required to ensure the funding is used exclusively for per diem and mileage of Native American advisory committee members.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

If the intent of the bill was to provide formal recognition of a Native American advisory committee to GCCH, Sec 28-10-1 NMSA 1978 should be amended to include Native American representation. If this done, the per diem for Native American advisory committee representatives could be included in the GCCH budget.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Is the intent of this bill to formally establish Native American representation on GCCH?

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