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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Sheep Springs Welcome Center Services SB 1011

ANALYST Weber

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$200.0			Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department

Tourism Department

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1011 appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of providing welcome center services along USHWY 491 in the community of Sheep Springs in San Juan County.

#### Significant Issues

The Sheep Springs Chapter makes up the southern end of Land Management District 12. The entire Sheep Springs chapter covers 169 square miles. The Sheep Springs community facilities includes a senior center, head start, laundry, and a Chapter House.

According to the 2000 Census, Sheep Springs has a total population of 821 individuals with 97% of this population being American Indians and Alaska Natives. The median household income is \$7,388 and 70% of families and 73% of persons live in poverty.

A Sheep Springs Welcome Center would encourage economic development in this depressed area. As well, it will provide economic opportunities for Navajo weavers and artists to promote and sell their arts and crafts in this facility.

**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 FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

**MW/rs**