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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Madalena ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/07  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 1025  
SHORT TITLE Native American Women and Children Assistance SB \_\_\_\_\_  
ANALYST Weber

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$260.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1025 appropriates \$260 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of contracting with a coalition of Native Americans organizations to provide assistance and support to Native American women and children who have been subjected to violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, battering and stalking.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$260 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Indian Affairs Department notes that according to the American Indian Health Council, American Indian women are at higher risk of homicide than other groups of women. Homicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for Native women. Further, American Indian women

experience the highest rate of violence of any group in the United States.

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Justice study, *American Indians and Crime*, reveals that Native Americans are more than two times the general U.S. population to be victims of violent crimes. And the victimization of Native American females is twice that of all women in the United States.

The Albuquerque, New Mexico based Coalition to Stop Violence against Native Women acknowledges that the state of New Mexico is trailing behind other states in the prosecution of perpetrators of crimes against women and children on Native lands. The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women includes the following New Mexico organizations; San Felipe Social Services in San Felipe Pueblo, Peace Keepers of the Eight Northern Pueblos, Family Harmony on the Navajo Nation in Crownpoint, Tewa Women United in San Ildefonso Pueblo, Haven House in Rio Rancho, New Beginnings in Zuni Pueblo, and Home for Women and Children in Shiprock.

CYFD brings up the concern that because only one coalition of Native American domestic violence organizations exists at this time in New Mexico, the bill implicitly specifies the vendor for these services which runs counter to procurement code.

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