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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Pinto **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/01/10  
**LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHORT TITLE** Tohatchi Youth Development Programs **SB** 223  
**ANALYST** Burns

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	\$230.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 223 appropriates two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000) from the general fund to the Indian affairs department for the purpose of funding youth development programs

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$230 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 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

This appropriation is not included in the LFC recommendation for the Department in 2011.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The youth development programs are a form of early intervention that focus on strengthening the capacity of young people to successfully navigate adolescence. The Navajo Nation is utilizing youth development programs to combat high rates of alcoholism drugs, teen pregnancy, depression and suicide among Navajo youth. According to NM Department of Health 2005

Youth Risk and Resiliency survey, Native American youth have higher rates of marijuana and heroin use than non-Hispanic whites and native youth also attempt suicide at higher rates than their peers from all other races.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

There are multiple youth development programs in and near Tohatchi to support Navajo youth in the area. These programs include Tohatchi Chapter of the Office of Youth Development, the Boys and Girls Club of Dine Nation, and the National Indian Youth Leadership Project (NIYLP). Notably, the NIYLP is a non-profit organization who has been recognized by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention at the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices as the first Native American best-practice model program. These programs are already working within the chapter to inspire and enable all youth, particularly those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

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

Not enacting SB 192 may reduce the opportunities for youths to participate in youth development programs in the Tohatchi Chapter of the Navajo Nation.

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