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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Navajo Nation Emergency Management Services SB 265

ANALYST Burns

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	\$600.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 266 Navajo Nation Emergency Management Services

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 265 appropriates six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of providing funding for emergency management services for the Navajo Nation.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$600 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 2011 shall revert to the General Fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Navajo Nation already receives funding for emergency management services through a recurring special project appropriation administered by IAD. Due to its location, geological features and critical facilities, the Navajo Nation is vulnerable to the damaging effects of natural,

technological, and national security hazards. Hazards can range in scope and intensity from small local emergencies with minimal damage to multi-county disasters with extensive devastation and loss of life.

## **RELATIONSHIP**

SB 266 Navajo Nation Emergency Management Services

## **ALTERNATIVES**

According to DHSEM the Navajo Nation could develop a budget and performance plan for submittal to DHSEM and if approved, could receive federal funding, which requires a 50% non-federal match.

Also, the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program is an existing federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant and is available exclusively for tribal emergency management needs. The Navajo Nation can apply directly to the federal government for the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program.

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