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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE San Juan County Emergency Phone Line Study SB 104

ANALYST Amacher

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19		
	\$150.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 104 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund in FY 19 to the Indian Affairs Department to conduct a feasibility study to design and plan a telephone trunk line to provide emergency services to the elderly, the young and those needing medical care in San Juan County. If enacted, Senate Bill 104 would become effective May 16, 2018; funds would not be available for expenditure until July 1, 2018.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY19 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 104 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund in FY 19 to the Indian Affairs Department to conduct a feasibility study to design and plan a telephone trunk line to provide emergency services to the elderly, the young and those needing medical care in San Juan County.

IAD notes it may prove difficult for IAD to conduct a feasibility study to design and plan a telephone trunk line with the appropriation of \$150 thousand. Accordingly, IAD may need to rely on an alternative agency or other entity to provide assistance with a feasibility plan within that agency's existing resources. IAD would need to consider additional staff to implement and carry out this study, design, and plan.

It is further noted by IAD that the bill does neither specify the recipients of the study upon its completions nor does it make clear who IAD should be accountable to and work with in assessing strengths and weakness of any proposed telephone trunk line venture. There is no proposition as to where the trunk line should be installed; who should own or maintain the trunk line; nor who will use the feasibility study to carry out planning and design. IAD expressed further concerns regarding the construction of such a line and related costs, environmental studies, and any additional post-feistily study efforts.

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