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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 LAST UPDATED 3/06/19 HB 670/HLLCS/aHLLC

SHORT TITLE Native American Libraries & Internet Access Projects SB _____

ANALYST Armstrong

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
\$36,943.1		Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HLLC Amendment

The House Local Government, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee amendment to House Bill 670 adds a \$900 thousand appropriation to the Pueblo of Santa Ana.

Synopsis of Original Bill

The House Local Government, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee Substitute for House Bill 670 appropriates \$36.9 million from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department, including: \$28.3 million to plan, design, renovate, expand, construct, equip, and furnish libraries for Native American nations, tribes, and pueblos; \$4.6 million to provide matching funds for high-speed internet access and telecommunications for Native American schools and libraries; \$3.2 million for high-speed internet access on the Navajo Nation; \$350 thousand for “white space internet access” for 14 entities (\$25 thousand per entity); and \$500 thousand for high-speed internet access on the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$36.9 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY23 shall revert to the tribal infrastructure fund.

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