



There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed that the effective date is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SJM1 does not contain an appropriation.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SJM1 notes that the result of the federal government operating under continuing resolutions, results in delayed funding to the bureau of Indian affairs, consequently delaying payment of college scholarships and institutional disbursements and proving problematic for Indian college students who depend on scholarship payment to cover educational expenses.

Additionally, SJM1 notes that forward funding provides funding for two years in advance, making the funds available on July 1 of each year, thus, allowing tribes to disburse grant funds ahead of the academic year.

SJM1 requests the Legislature ask the United States congress to take affirmative steps to forward fund the higher education grant program of the bureau of Indian education.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Any outcome of SJM1 would be operated by the bureau of Indian Affairs, but the higher education grant program would be administered by numerous Indian tribes pursuant to Public Law 93-638 (self-determination contracts) or Public Law 100-472 (self-governance compacts).

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