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Tribal Gaming Revenue Allocations

One-Time Tribal Gaming Revenue Allocations (Administration -- Division of Gaming)

CURRENT LAW

There are four appropriations under current law that received one-time funding from tribal gaming revenue in the 2001-03 biennium. These appropriations are the following: (1) a Historical Society appropriation for the identification of unmarked Indian gravesites (funded at \$15,000 PR in 2001-02); (2) a Historical Society appropriation for the Merrill Historical Society for a native tribal history publication (funded at \$25,000 PR in 2001-02); (3) a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) appropriation for a study of crop damage by wild cranes (funded at \$30,000 PR in 2001-02 and in 2002-03); and (4) a Department of Public Instruction (DPI) appropriation for special counselor grants (funded at \$50,000 PR in 2001-02).

GOVERNOR

No provision.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. These four, one-time appropriations remain in the Chapter 20 schedule under the bill, but are not provided any funding for the 2003-05 biennium. The two Historical Society appropriations and the DPI appropriation have no base funding in 2002-03. The DNR appropriation has base funding of \$30,000 PR in 2002-03; however, this funding is deleted in the bill as a standard budget adjustment.
2. The DPI appropriation references statutory language that specifies the requirements

for the special counselor grants. This statutory language is unchanged under the bill.

3. The DNR appropriation language specifies that no moneys may be encumbered from the appropriation after June 30, 2003.

4. DOA officials indicate that these four one-time appropriations and any associated statutory provisions relating to their funding purposes should have been repealed under the bill. DOA advises that there was no intent by the Governor either to retain or to fund any of these appropriations.

5. The Committee may wish to repeal the appropriations and any associated statutory language relating to these one-time programs.

6. Alternatively, if the Committee anticipates that one or more of the appropriations may continue to receive funding from tribal gaming revenue, it could retain one or more of these appropriations.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Repeal all of the following appropriations and any associated statutory language: (a) the Historical Society appropriation for the identification of unmarked Indian gravesites [s. 20.245(1)(hm) of the statutes]; (b) the Historical Society appropriation for the Merrill Historical Society for a native tribal history publication [s. 20.245(1)(hr) of the statutes]; (c) the DNR appropriation for a study of crop damage by wild cranes [s. 20.370(1)(kk) of the statutes]; and (d) the DPI appropriation for the special counselor grants [s. 20.255(2)(kL) of the statutes].

2. Repeal one or more of the following appropriations and any associated statutory provisions.

a. The Historical Society appropriation for the identification of unmarked Indian gravesites [s. 20.245(1)(hm) of the statutes];

b. The Historical Society appropriation for the Merrill Historical Society for a native tribal history publication [s. 20.245(1)(hr) of the statutes];

c. The DNR appropriation for a study of crop damage by wild cranes [s. 20.370(1)(kk) of the statutes].

d. The DPI appropriation for specific counselor grants [s. 20.255(2)(kL) of the statutes].

3. Take no action [This alternative would retain all four appropriations.]

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