



Estimates. VSD advises that, dependent on funding, it plans to partner with local veteran organizations to fund initiatives to support the homeless veteran population in the state. This particular appropriation would enable VSD to make a more significant contribution to this effort. VSD proposes coordinating with the Human Services Department (HSD) in light of that agency's ongoing homelessness programs which receive federal matching funds in an effort to maximize state funding to leverage federal funds while avoiding duplication of efforts.

**RELATIONSHIP**

This bill relates in subject matter population to HB 98, which makes a \$750 thousand appropriation to HSD for statewide outreach to members of the homeless population that qualify for Social Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits. This bill also relates to SB 45, which provides \$300 thousand in funding for a homeless shelter and supportive housing in Santa Fe.

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