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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-14-2007

SPONSOR Anderson LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HJM 53

SHORT TITLE Fisher House for NM Veterans' Families SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Dearing

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	*NFI		
	*Please see narrative		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 53 carries no appropriation. House Joint Memorial urges the Veterans' Service department to pursue construction of a Fisher House in Albuquerque in close proximity to the Veterans' Affairs medical center. Additionally, the memorial urges the legislature's support of this construction.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

\*Enactment of House Joint Memorial 53 carries no fiscal impact.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Fisher House Foundation, Inc. provides support and funding for accommodations in the vicinity of active duty and veteran medical facilities world-wide. These Fisher Houses provide temporary housing for veterans, active duty military members and their families; specifically enabling family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

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The foundation provides these accommodations at a free or significantly subsidized rate. It is estimated that the foundation has saved families nearly \$60 million in accommodations since its inception.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

No performance implications noted.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

A provision of the of the New Mexico Constitution, Article 9, Section 14-A provides that nothing prohibits the states or local political subdivisions from making provisions for the care and maintenance of sick and indigent persons.

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