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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE**  
**SPONSOR** Gutierrez **LAST UPDATED** 3/5/07 **HM** 63

**SHORT TITLE** NM Defense Installations & National Guard **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Peery-Galon

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Memorial 64 – Defense Installations & National Guard.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Veterans’ Services Department  
 Office of Military Base Planning

No Response Received From

Department of Military Affairs

### SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 63 calls for the state of New Mexico to recognize and appreciate the important and continuing contributions of the four major active military installations in our state, along with the contributions of the New Mexico National Guard. Also, the memorial calls for the state of New Mexico to recognize and appreciate the people who work or live at those four departments of defense military installations, along with the people of the New Mexico National Guard.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of Military Planning reports the following significant issues implicit in the memorial:

- New Mexico’s outstanding weather, varying terrain, air space, varied research and development, test and evaluation capabilities, supportive population, and low population density are all key factors in ensuring that the state will continue to be an important component of the Department of Defense’s capability.
- There have been five base closure rounds since 1988. During the last two rounds, New

Mexico was targeted for a significant realignment of Kirtland AFB (1995), Cannon AFB was slated for closure (2005), and the Army Research Laboratory at White Sands Missile Range (2005) was slated for closure. Due to a lot of hard work by the communities, the congressional delegation, and the governor, New Mexico was able to overturn the Department of Defense recommendations.

- As a result of New Mexico’s advocacy during the last round of base closures, at least two New Mexico’s military installations will experience force and personnel growth. As the new Special Operations Wing becomes active at Cannon AFB, it is expected that there will be 1,000 to 2,000 more personnel assigned than currently. New Mexico will be proud to host more Air Force Special Operations Forces than any other state, considering the 58<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing at Kirtland and the new 16<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing at Cannon.
- An important factor in preserving our military installations is the priority of avoiding encroachment. The governor issued an Executive Order in August, 2004 (EO-04-046) titled “Land Use Planning and Military Installation Compatibility.” This executive order directs all state agencies to work closely with their local military installations, and requests all other municipal and local government entities to work closely with their local military installations to ensure land-use planning considers the military mission.
- Currently, the Mid-Region Council of Governments is preparing to conduct a joint land use study in coordination with Kirtland Air Force Base and the Department of Defense’s Office of Economic Adjustment which will address land-use planning issues in the Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, Sandoval County, Valencia County and Torrance County areas. Further, the State Land Office is working closely with White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base, and Fort Bliss (89% of Ft. Bliss is in New Mexico) to ensure compatible land use planning.
- The memorial addresses the contribution of families. It is important that New Mexico’s communities continue to recognize the unique demands of service life imposed on military families, and that they work to make their transitions to their communities as smooth as possible.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The Office of Military Base Planning is charged with supporting New Mexico’s military installations. The Office of Military Base Planning will continue to work closely with community military partnering organizations in support of Cannon Air Force Base, Holloman Air Force Base, Kirtland Air Force Base, and White Sands Missile Range.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

House Memorial 63 is a duplication of Senate Memorial 64 – Defense Installations & National Guard.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The Veterans’ Services Department states “it is important that the state of New Mexico realize the importance that our military installations play in our country, state, and the local areas.” The Veterans’ Services Department notes the military installations impact the local economies with federal dollars along with high paying jobs.