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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-14-2007

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Veteran Transitional Homeless Shelter SB 1037

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Senate Bill 1037 relates to appropriations in the General Appropriations Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

No agency responses received as of 2-14-2007

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1037 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund for expenditure in FY08 to Veterans' Services department for the administration and oversight of construction of a veterans' homeless shelter in Las Vegas and for subsequent operation of an outreach program at that shelter.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in Senate Bill 1037 is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (VSD) received an appropriation of \$400 thousand to be used by the Veterans' Homeless Program available for expenditure over a two-

year period beginning in FY06 through Laws, 2006, Chapter 109, section 5 item #85. The appropriation was non-recurring, however both the LFC and executive budget recommendations for this department include \$200 thousand in recurring funding for a homeless veterans' outreach program. The following table includes figures for New Mexico veterans, as well as participation in the Albuquerque program.

The following are current statistics for the Veterans' Homeless Program:	
Homeless Veterans in New Mexico:	~6,000
Homeless Veterans in Albuquerque:	~3,000
Homeless veterans served since opening in 8/2004:	300+
Number of beds available to homeless veterans:	60
Number of meals served to homeless veterans:	5,000/mo.
Average length of residency:	263 days
Number of health care providers to homeless veterans:	1
Number of case management/social workers provided to homeless veterans:	2

Table 1. Source: Veterans' Service Department; ~ approximation.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 1037 would require the department to provide oversight of a construction project in Las Vegas. The department's abilities in construction management and oversight are not apparent.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The department will be the fiscal agent for the appropriation. As written, the appropriation in Senate Bill cannot be used for construction costs, only for management/oversight.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 1037 relates to appropriations in the General Appropriation Act. The executive recommendation for the Veterans' Services department FY08 budget as adopted by the House Appropriations and Finance Committee includes \$200 thousand for homeless veterans' outreach programs in Albuquerque.

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