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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez ORIGINAL DATE 02/07/08  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE Military Personnel & Family Trauma Treatment SB 344  
ANALYST Escudero

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$413.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### RELATES TO: HB 212

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Veteran Services (DVS)

#### No Response Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 344 appropriates \$413.0 to Veteran Service Department in FY09 to provide clinical service support for trauma treatment for veterans, military personnel, and their families.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$413.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

As stated by DVS, trauma, both physical and mental, have now become the most sought after treatment from veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. This would also provide service to

the families who have either suffered trauma or are coping with the trauma suffered by the veteran.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Relationship to HB 212-Trujillo

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Since DVS does not at the current time have the personnel or expertise in dealing with physical or mental trauma, would DVS need to contract this service out? Since no area of the state is specified would this treatment be provided state-wide?

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

As stated by DVS, there is a large increase in women suffering from PTSD due to sexual trauma suffered while in the military. Because of this there are very few avenues for these women to pursue for therapy, This also a very specialized area of therapy. This bill would also include men and families, important, since someone suffering the effects of PTSD never suffer alone.

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