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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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		LAST UPDATED	<u></u>	SB	<u></u>
SHORT TITLE	<u>Study Isleta All Purpose Veteran Center</u>			SB	<u></u>
		ANALYST	<u>Burns</u>		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Veterans Services Department (VSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 21 requests the Pueblo of Isleta to study the feasibility of establishing an all-purpose veteran's center within the boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HM 21 carries no appropriation, but could have limited fiscal impact on VSD. The fiscal impact to VSD would be a result of the resources VSD would have to allocate to complete the requirements of the memorial. Including the feasibility study.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HM 21 would request the Pueblo of Isleta work with the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a central meeting location and service center for veterans of the Pueblo and the surrounding counties. There are approximately 300 veterans that reside in or near the Isleta Pueblo. Currently, the Pueblo veterans do not have a permanent facility in which to meet or access services.

In 2008, the Pueblo of Isleta received a \$25,000 capital outlay appropriation for construction of a facility. The funding would not be sufficient to construct a facility as the language states and with the current economic outlook it could be difficult to leverage funds to construct a facility. If the study determined a need for a facility it could be several years for the plan to take place due to the lack of funding.

ADMINISTRATIVE

With no appropriation, HM 21 may represent a potential fiscal and administrative impact for VSD.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

A feasibility study for establishing a veteran's all-purpose center at the Pueblo of Isleta would not be conducted.

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