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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Payne **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/19/12 **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Raise Awareness of USS New Mexico Sub **SB** 25
ANALYST Sánchez

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 25 appropriates \$25 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Military Affairs to educate New Mexicans about the mission of the USS New Mexico, sponsor visits of the crew to the state and recognize the top sailors each quarter and year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill makes a \$25 thousand recurring appropriation to the Department of Military Affairs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The USS New Mexico is a Virginia Class submarine capable of operating in open ocean and close to the shore. It is designed for covert intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, special warfare, anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare, covert precision strikes, direct support of forces ashore and strike group support.

The Department of Military Affairs would be responsible for implementing and executing the

requirements of the bill and for managing the appropriated funds.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Under accounting rules, state government no longer uses “unencumbered” in appropriations.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Knowledge of the USS New Mexico will not be widely disseminated and crew members will not be able to travel to the state.

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