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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/17/13

SPONSOR Martinez, R. LAST UPDATED HJM 4

SHORT TITLE "Vietnam Veterans Day" SB

ANALYST Chabot

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Minimal					

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Veterans' Services Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 4 declares March 29, 2013 to be "Vietnam Veterans Day" in New Mexico and copies of the memorial sent to the governor, lieutenant governor and the Veterans' Services Department.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs will be incurred to advertise the event and funding any associated activities.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

VSD states "from January 1962 to March 1973 over three million men and women served in Vietnam and over fifty-eight thousand laid down their lives in Vietnam. Just over 400 New Mexicans were killed in Vietnam. Those that made it back suffered from both physical and emotional injuries, many of which are still suffering to this day. PTSD, Agent Orange, as well as physical injuries have plagued our Vietnam Veterans for over 50 years. These men and women not only came back with these injuries but were constantly faced with treatment that was less than patriotic, still these men and women reached out to other veterans have become examples of selflessness and service. To this day, they continue to reach out to younger veterans as mentors, letting our younger service members know that they are not alone. These men and women came

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back and became business leaders, community leaders, and more importantly, leaders amongst the veteran community. For this reason, it is incumbent on us, the protected citizens to always remember the duty and sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans. “

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