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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/15

SPONSOR Wooley LAST UPDATED _____ HB 48

SHORT TITLE Mobile Outreach Vehicles for Veterans SB _____

ANALYST Chenier

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 48 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to Veterans' Services Department for expenditure in FY16 to purchase, operate, and maintain mobile outreach vehicles to provide services to New Mexico veterans.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY16 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DVS stated that "the department would have to modify mobile outreach vehicles to meet VA standards and security for electronic communications and this would be expensive. In order to communicate electronically with the VA Benefits Office, this vehicle would need dedicated secure satellite links that may be expensive to obtain and maintain."

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