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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Pinto **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/8/16
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Navajo Code Talker Museum & Veterans' Center **SB** SJM16

ANALYST Sánchez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Partially Duplicates SB 273

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Joint Memorial

Senate Joint Memorial 16 expresses appreciation to the WWII Navajo Code Talkers for their contributions to the victory of the United States during World War II and requests the United States Congress to provide funding to support the planning, design and construction of the Code Talker Museum and Veterans center. It further requests that the memorial be sent to the appropriate parties in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, the Navajo Nation and the United States.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No appropriation in this memorial.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

National Navajo Code Talkers Museum and Veterans Center that is planned to be developed on Navajo Code Talker Land—near Tse Bonito, N.M.¹ The National Navajo Museum and Veterans Center will provide a museum with an immersive learning environment, featuring interactive

¹ <http://www.navajotimes.Com/News/2011/0811/081311codetalkers.Php>

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exhibits and activities, living demonstrations of the Navajo code and culture, displays on WWII military history, and classrooms for educational seminars and programs.

The Veterans Center component is envisioned as a community center and a place for veterans from all services and wars to be able to gather and to access all services available to veterans in one place.

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