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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lopez ORIGINAL DATE 2/28/2017  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE New Mexico Combat Veterans' Programs SB 515  
ANALYST Chenier

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SRC Substitute

The Senate Rules Committee substitute for Senate Bill 515 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to VSD to sponsor an educational and restorative program focusing on agriculture, technology, and business for New Mexico combat veterans and community members.

### 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 FY18 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

VSD stated that they do not currently operate this type of program and would have to partner with a non-profit to develop such a program. The Federal Government defines "combat veteran" in Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 1710(e)(1)(D) as "a veteran who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war".

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