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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/25/09

SPONSOR HTRC LAST UPDATED _____ HB 407/HTRCS

SHORT TITLE Tax Contribution to Vietnam Veterans Memorial SB _____

ANALYST Wilson

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10	FY11		
	\$10.0*	\$10.0*	Recurring	State Parks Division Operating Fund (through TRD)

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

*State Parks Division estimate based on other check-off programs

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources (ENMRD)

Taxation & Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Taxation and Revenue Committee substitute for House Bill 407 creates an optional designation for a personal income tax contribution for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial State Park near Angel Fire.

A distribution shall be made to the State Parks Division (SPD) of EMNRD in an amount equal to the money designated collected under this bill.

The bill directs that the state personal income tax form be revised so that specified language regarding the contribution of all or part of a taxpayer's refund is included on the form.

The provisions of this act apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

TRD states that this bill will result in minor changes to forms, instructions and publications related to the PIT program. Distribution procedures will need to be coordinated. The costs can be absorbed with existing resources.

Any financial assistance to SPD at the park is helpful, since this particular state park does not collect fees from visitors and therefore generates no revenue to assist in offsetting the operational expenses of the park, as the SPD does at all other state parks.

The proceeds to other programs derived from existing PIT-D check-off options varies widely. The existing SPD check-off option, which supports the SPD's outdoor classroom program, generates about \$10,000 per year.

Since this park will be the only veterans-related check-off option on the PIT-D form, it might attract more donations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If SPD had increased financial resources to operate the Vietnam Veterans Memorial State Park, they could offer more services to the visitor, such as publications, tours and interpretive programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The affected agencies should be able to handle the enforcement of the provisions in this bill as part of ongoing responsibilities

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