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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cote ORIGINAL DATE 02/18/09
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 654
SHORT TITLE Education About USS New Mexico SB _____
ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$50.0	Non-recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 654 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Military Affairs to promote public outreach and statewide education about the Navy submarine USS New Mexico christened in December 2008 and to be commissioned October 2009.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 thousand contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY10 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the February 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$575 million less than the FY09 appropriations before the 2009 solvency reductions. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DMA notes that while the Department does have a Bataan Memorial Museum, it has very limited staffing to assume a “statewide” education program.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Should the appropriation be made to the Department of Tourism that has more resources related to advertising and marketing?

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