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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 LAST UPDATED 03/05/09 HB _____

SPONSOR Ulibarri

SHORT TITLE Military & Veterans' Affairs Committee SB 529/aSRC

ANALYST Varela

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SRC Amendment

The Senate Rules Committee amendment removes Section 1 Subsection C from the original bill regarding vacancies on the committee being filled by appointment in the same manner as the original appointments. In Section 2 Subsection A, the amendment removes language which refers to the committee oversight of (DVS). The amendment revises language about the duties and purpose of the committee.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 529 seeks to create a joint interim committee of the legislature to be called the "Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee." The committee shall oversee the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS); conduct meetings in several geographically dispersed areas of the

state; conduct a continuing study of the programs, agencies, policies and issues relating to military issues veterans and veterans' services throughout the state, including review and study of the statutes, constitutional provisions, regulations and court decisions governing these programs, agencies, policies and issues. The committee shall make an annual report of its findings and recommendations and recommend any necessary legislation to each session.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill carries no appropriation. According to DVS, the Legislative Council Service (LCS) would be responsible for per diem for committee members as well as provide staff for the committee.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DVS states that this bill sets up this committee as an oversight committee for DVS. DVS is part of the executive branch and the cabinet secretary reports directly to the Governor concerning all activities and programs within the department. If enacted, the proposed legislation may disable DVS from functioning as a cabinet level agency.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HJM38

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Since DVS is part of the executive branch and reports to the Governor, would the oversight aspect of this bill create a conflict?

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