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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Statewide National Guard Armory Operations SB 41

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$674.0			R	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Military Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 41 appropriates \$674 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Military Affairs for the purpose of providing maintenance and operational funding of the National Guard armories statewide.

Significant Issues

The Department of Military Affairs indicates this bill would allow the department to address its \$3 million maintenance and repair backlog for armories located statewide in order to provide safe, adequate facilities in which members of the National Guard can train, deploy, and respond to state and federal emergencies.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$674 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY05 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The department indicates without adequate resources for maintenance, operations and repairs, National Guard facilities throughout the state will continue to deteriorate. These facilities not only provide structures in which National Guard members train, work and deploy, they also serve many communities as centers for a variety of activities including distance learning, and providing emergency housing in times of natural or manmade disaster.

The department also indicates if additional funding is not provided, they may have to close or consolidate armories in some communities.

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