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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sandoval DATE TYPED 2/22/05 HB 1037

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe National Cemetery Honor Guard SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$5.0			Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1037 appropriates \$5 thousand from the general fund to VSD for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the honor guard members for use at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

#### Significant Issues

VSD states that honor guards, funded in part by the operating budget of VSD, attended almost 1,400 veterans' burials in FY04. Honor guards are volunteers and need to purchase uniforms, rifles, blank ammunition, flags, stands, bugles and other needed equipment. Estimated costs per individual are \$500. This bill would outfit ten additional honor guard members for services the Santa Fe Cemetery.

### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This bill relates to the VSD measure on the number of veterans impacted by VSD services.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$5,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

VSD will have to work with veterans groups providing honor guards at the Santa Fe National Cemetery to purchase equipment items.

**ALTERNATIVES**

A possible alternative would be to create a fund for this purpose that does not revert and periodically appropriate non-recurring funds to replenish the fund as needed.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?**

Honor guards may not be able to purchase needed equipment.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. VSD pays for veterans honor guards throughout the state, should the scope of the bill be expanded to cover all veterans honor guards funded, in part, by VSD?

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