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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/24/06

SPONSOR Sandoval LAST UPDATED _____ HB 355

SHORT TITLE Support Services for Homeless Veterans SB _____

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$250.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: SB 149

Relates to: HB 239

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 355 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Veterans' Services in FY07 to contract with a non-profit organization that provides transitional housing services to veterans to provide housing, employment training and other support services to homeless veterans and veterans who are experiencing a housing crisis.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$250 thousand appropriation would supplement current department efforts to assist homeless veterans. The department has a \$297 thousand federal grant which is supporting 30 beds through FY07 for homeless veterans at the Veteran's Integration Center in Albuquerque. The Department also received \$47.5 thousand from Laws 2005, Chapter 34 for homeless programs, and has a request for a non-recurring supplemental funding of \$200 thousand for FY06.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The department has stated that federal funding for the homeless program (\$27.19 per day per bed) is inadequate to meet the needs of the veterans. Additional funding would improve services to the homeless veterans housed at the Veteran's Integration Center.

RELATIONSHIP

Duplicates Senate Bill 149. Relates to HB 239, which would provide \$200 thousand for homeless veterans services.

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