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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/24/06

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Support Services for Homeless Veterans SB 149

ANALYST Geisler

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB 239

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### Responses Received From

Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 149 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**

House Bill 239 seeks to provide \$200 thousand for homeless veterans' services in Albuquerque.

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