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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/27/06

SPONSOR Garcia LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Homeless Veteran Assistance SB 516

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$200.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: HB 239

Relates to: SB 149

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 516 appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Veterans' Services in FY07 to fund outreach and direct services to homeless veterans, including housing, employment training, placement, medical care and support services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$200 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

Senate Bill 516 duplicates HB 239. Senate Bill 149 seeks to provide \$250 thousand for homeless veterans' services in Albuquerque.

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