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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/23/2007

SPONSOR Gardner LAST UPDATED 3/8/2007 HJM 65/aHFL#1/aHFL#2

SHORT TITLE Body Armor and Equipment for Iraq Soldiers SB _____

ANALYST Schuss/Guambana

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of aHFL #2

The House Floor Amendment creates a request that urges the Governor to support the intent of the original memorial and that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the Governor.

Synopsis of aHFL #1

The House Floor Amendment creates a request that urges the President of the United States to support the intent of the original memorial and that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the President.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Memorial 65 urges the Congress of the United States to support the necessary funding for basic-life saving armor and equipment that protects the brave men and women of the United States Military serving in Iraq.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Joint Memorial 65 states that the brave men and women of the United States Military are fighting valiantly to secure a troubled country that is in the midst of violent ethnic and religious strife. Counterinsurgency missions, combat in Iraq's grinding desert sands and the enemy's use

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of roadside bombs have taken a toll on the vehicles, armor kits and other equipment used by the United States Military in Iraq.

Increasing troop levels in Iraq create logistical hurdles and readiness challenges for United States ground forces in Iraq. The United States Military should be given every resource to improve its ability to respond quickly to threats against the United States and lower the risk of American casualties. It is the obligation of the United States Government to ensure that America's brave men and women who serve in harm's way be given the best equipment to fight and defend themselves.

The Legislature of the State of New Mexico requests that the Congress of the United States be urged to support the necessary funding for basic life-saving armor and equipment that protects the brave men and women of the United States Military serving in Iraq. HJM 65 also requests that the New Mexico Congressional Delegation be urged to vigorously support funding for vehicles, armor kits and other equipment needed to supply members of the United States Military who are risking their lives in Iraq.

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