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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Adair **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/12/2007
LAST UPDATED 3/01/2007 **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE ON-CAMPUS MILITARY RECRUITING **SB** 566/aSJC
ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Department of Higher Education

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SJC amendment

Senate Judiciary Amendment to Senate Bill 566 adds language indicating that recruiting would be conducted “on a mutually agreeable schedule.”

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 566 is a proposal for public colleges and universities to provide on-campus recruitment opportunities and facilities to a branch or service of the United States military as it would to other members of the public. This bill amends Chapter 21 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) of 1978, which relates to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Impact

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Both the University of New Mexico (UNM) Anderson School of Management and the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Placement and Career Services websites present their respective policies regarding on-campus recruiting for potential employers. Neither institution currently restricts the types of employers who may visit campuses, which includes representatives of the U.S. military.

HED advises that a coordinator of employer relations at NMSU indicated that NMSU has an open door policy for all valid private/non-private/government sector based employers on the premise that they have legitimate career opportunities available to students and alumni. Military recruiters currently visit NMSU between four and six times per year.

An administrator of marketing and public relations at Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) indicated that there were no restrictions on military recruiters on campus and that representatives of the uniformed services visited the campus weekly. At SFCC, military recruiters follow the same policies as vendors and other groups who present information to their students, staff, and the public.

An administrator of the New Mexico Association of Independent Community Colleges stated that while policies may vary from one public college to the next, no institution bars military recruiters from their campuses.

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