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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/08

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Veterans Homeless Shelter & Outreach SB 371

ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Veterans Services Department – VSD

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 371 appropriates fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the General Fund to the Veterans Services Department for the purpose of overseeing the construction of a transitional veterans' homeless shelter in Las Vegas, and for an outreach program for this shelter.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of fifth thousand dollars (\$50,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2009 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

VSD notes:

The veteran homeless problem is growing national-wide. There are more and younger veterans coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan that are winding up homeless for different reasons. There are also many more families of veterans that are winding up in homeless shelters. New Mexico is seeing an increase in the homeless veterans population and this problem is not only an urban problem but is also increasing in rural areas. This funding would assist DVS to reach out

to those homeless veterans in the Las Vegas area to apply for any state and federal benefits that are available to them. This program would also assist these veterans and their families to re-establish themselves and assist with housing and employment.

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