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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/03/12
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** 285
SHORT TITLE San Miguel Veterans' Van Driver and Maintenance **SB** _____
ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 185 except for title

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 285 appropriates \$50.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of providing veterans' van services in San Miguel County. The appropriation is for two specific expenditures: \$30.0 thousand for a driver and \$20.0 thousand for necessary maintenance and operation expenses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DVS states the veteran service officer position in Las Vegas is currently vacant but they will try to fill it pending funding. San Miguel County bought a van with capital outlay funding and hired a driver to take veterans to the VA Medical Center in Albuquerque. However, in 2010, the

county ended the practice because of budget constraints. The van is currently not being used. DVS has a Privately Owned Vehicle Transportation Service for veterans to attend medical appointments that may meet needs of veterans in San Miguel County.

According to DFA, San Miguel County is no longer funding the veterans' van service due to declining revenues in the county's general fund. Because no FTEs are authorized with this appropriation, the van driver will be considered an employee of San Miguel County. This will require the county to submit the necessary payroll documentation to DFA Local Government Division with its reimbursement request.

ALTERNATIVES

DFA suggests, change the appropriation to the DVS vice DFA.

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