

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 02/21/26

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SM 27Original Correction Amendment Substitute

		Agency Name	
	J. Steinborn / A. Charley / B.	and Code	Dept. of Veterans' Services/ 67000
Sponsor:	<u>Sendo, Jr. / S. Pinto / H. Pope</u>	Number:	
Short	<u>Impact of Radiation Exposure</u>	Person Writing	<u>Danelle Lucero</u>
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

A memorial acknowledging the impact of radiation exposure on New Mexico residents; recognizing the expansion of the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act; urging statewide outreach and assistance to support eligible persons applying for compensation prior to the December 31, 2027 deadline.

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: The memorial recognizes impacts of radiation exposure in New Mexico and designates New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services, Aging and Long Term, Indian Affairs, and the Department of Health to assist affected New Mexico citizens to file appropriate claim paperwork if eligible.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS N/A

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES N/A

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

NMDVS will incorporate this critical information into internal training and collaborate with all state agencies assisting New Mexicans.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Research the number of Veterans seeking the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act benefits. NMDVS to provide internal training to ensure staff are fully informed on the claim process procedures. The agency will collaborate with other State and Federal Agencies and expand statewide outreach efforts to educate veterans on available benefits.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES N/A

ALTERNATIVES N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Eligible New Mexico Veterans will be unable to file by the deadline and receive the intended benefits prior to the December 31, 2027 deadline.

AMENDMENTS N/A