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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/14/11

SPONSOR Jeff LAST UPDATED _____ HB 550

SHORT TITLE Native Americans Veterans Division SB _____

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$200.0	\$200.0	\$600.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

HB550 relates to the Veterans' Services Department appropriation in the General Appropriation Act of \$2,772.8 (\$2,672.8 from the general fund; 100.0 in fund balance).

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 550 (HB550) seeks to create the Native American Veteran Division within the Veterans' Services Department.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB550 contains no appropriation.

VSD indicates since there is no appropriation, VSD would need to find the funding for a minimum of 2 FTE. VSD indicates the department is dealing with an already tightened budget

and loss of FTE, and HB550 would require VSD to absorb the costs and FTE within an already tight budget.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB550 proposes creation of a new division that would be responsible for outreach to Native American Veterans and Native American Veteran Organizations, act as a liaison for Native American Veterans the local, state and federal governments, and assist Native American Veterans advocate and apply for all state and federal benefits afforded to them by law.

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