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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Allow Certain Payments To Military Widows SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)*

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(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		NFI				

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Department of Military Affairs
 Veteran Services Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This legislation requests that the United States Congress allow for payments from both the Survivor Benefit Plan and the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Veteran Services Department indicates that, under current regulations, if a military widow or widower is in receipt of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Annuity through the Department of Defense and then qualifies for Dependent Indemnity Compensation (DIC) through the Veterans Administration, the benefit is reduced dollar for dollar. If the DIC amount is more than the SBP annuity, the surviving spouse is entitled to a refund of all SBP payments. If SBP exceeds the DIC amount, the surviving spouse will receive the difference between the SBP annuity and DIC, plus a refund of SBP payments for that portion of the SBP annuity not received.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Federal legislation would have to be amended to allow for concurrent receipt of both SBP and DIC.

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