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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Zimmerman ORIGINAL DATE 1/27/16  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 156  
SHORT TITLE Additional Military Service Awards SB \_\_\_\_\_  
ANALYST Sánchez

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Veterans Services Department (VSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 156 seeks to make additional awards available to members of the New Mexico National Guard and State Defense Force to support the morale and welfare of service members. It also reorders the newly recommended and previously authorized awards and places them in an Order of Precedence.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

If passed, DMA will use existing operating budget to procure the awards for distribution to the deserving service members.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to DMA, the following would become available to those serving in the National Guard and State Defense Force:

**State Defense Force Cold War Medal** – awarded to a member of the state defense force who has received a cold war recognition certificate from the Department of Defense and who served honorably during the cold war era, September 2, 1945 through December 26, 1991.

**Outstanding Enlisted Leader of the Year Ribbon** – awarded to a member of the National Guard who has been selected as the New Mexico outstanding soldier, airman, or first sergeant of the year by performing above and beyond their peer group.

**Counter Drug Service Ribbon** – awarded to members of the New Mexico National Guard who provided outstanding support to local, state, and federal law enforcement officers on counter-drug operations in New Mexico and who served a minimum of ninety consecutive days on support missions.

**Community Service Ribbon** – awarded to a member of the New Mexico National Guard or New Mexico State Defense Force for community service above and beyond what their duties required.

**Physical Fitness Ribbon** – awarded to a member of the New Mexico National Guard who scores 275 or higher or above for three consecutive years and meets the body fat standards, and scores 90 or above for three consecutive years when taking all the components of the air force fitness assessment.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

This bill seeks to afford the Adjutant General and commanders within the New Mexico National Guard and State Defense Force the opportunity to recognize excellent performance by the members of the various military divisions of the New Mexico National Guard. Such medals or ribbons support the good order and discipline of the Forces. Without adoption of such medals or ribbons, National Guard personnel deserving of recognition for superior and sustained military performance of duty may be unacknowledged for duty and mission accomplishment.

New Mexico National Guard Regulations and procedures will need to be updated to address the new awards added as a result of this legislation. Such regulations and procedures are updated on a regular and routine basis as needed; therefore, there are no administrative implications outside the New Mexico National Guard and its subordinate military divisions.

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