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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Tallman ORIGINAL DATE 02/10/21
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Homeless Veteran Outreach SB 205
ANALYST Klundt

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 275

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 205 (SB205) appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to (Veterans' Services Department (VSD) to provide outreach and services to homeless veterans statewide. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY22 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY22 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

VSD reported the department would partner with local veteran organizations with the funding contained in this bill for programing initiatives that support New Mexico's homeless veteran population. The department also proposed to coordinate with the federal Veterans Administration

and the Human Services Department (HSD). VSD believes by partnering HSD could maximize possible federal matching dollars given HSD's ongoing homelessness programs.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development conducts an estimate of homeless veterans at a point-in-time (PIT). According to the latest set of data derived from the 2019 PIT Estimate, New Mexico's Veteran Homeless Population in the United States was estimated to be 257 with an estimated 3,000 near homelessness. Homeless veterans have been impacted with limited personal protective equipment and additionally, their access to mental health, health care, safe housing and employment pose an ongoing challenge.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 275 provides VSD authority to assist veterans who are experiencing, or at risk for experiencing, homelessness to access services and to provide assistance to organizations offering services to those veterans. No appropriation is contained in this bill.

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