

Bill/Resolution No.: 1338

Amendment to: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: Legislative Council

Date of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Please estimate the fiscal impact of the above measure for:

State general or special funds     Counties     Cities

In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of this measure:

Narrative:

We find it very difficult to determine what fiscal effect that HB 1338 would have on the State and, consequently, have not been able to determine a dollar amount.

In projecting the effect it would have on the Home's veteran population, we used the veteran population statistics distributed by the Veterans Administration on March 31, 1982. They were as follows: Total veterans - 57,000; total Vietnam Era - 15,000; total Korean Conflict - 6,000; World War II - 25,000 and World War I - 1,000. In addition, 3,000 veterans are listed during the post Vietnam Era and 8,000 with service between the Korean Conflict and Vietnam Era, for a total of 11,000. The number of peace time veterans\* and war time veterans exceed the total number of veterans listed by the VA by 1,000. The difference is attributed to the rounding off of the figures by the VA.

In breaking down the Home population we find that we have eleven Korean veterans and three Vietnam veterans. This is .18% of the Korean veterans and .02% of the Vietnam veterans that the Home is caring for. If these percentages are applied to the periods between the Korean and Vietnam Era and the post Vietnam Era, we could project 14 and State Fiscal Effect: 1 respectively. (continued)

1983-84		1984-85		Biennium Total	
Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

County and City Fiscal Effect:

1983-84		1984-85		Biennium Total	
Counties	Cities	Counties	Cities	Counties	Cities

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

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Since the periods involved occur after the periods from which the percentages were determined, we feel this number to be excessive. Fewer applications would be received because the individuals would be younger than the period from which the percentage was determined. Also, from past experience we have found that a large portion of the applications which we would receive from the younger unemployable veterans we would not be able to care for because of the lack of professional staff. They would either be placed or remain at the State Hospital or at the St. Cloud or Fort Meade VA hospitals. Therefore, we would project that no more than three or four veterans would be added to our average daily load during the upcoming biennium.

We feel the fiscal impact of so few veterans would not be significant enough to alter our appropriation request for the 83-85 biennium. Any additional costs which may be increased could be funded from the reimbursement received from the Veterans Administration. Authority for the additional expenditure could be obtained from the Emergency Commission when an actual determination is made of the additional funds needed.

\*Since no reference is made to individuals who served during peace time in State Statutes, the term peace time veteran is being used for narrative purposes only.