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**TO:** Honorable Leticia Van de Putte, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB2256** by Zaffirini (Relating to the establishment and operation of the Texas Women Veterans Program.), **Committee Report 1st House, As Amended**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB2256, Committee Report 1st House, As Amended: a negative impact of (\$194,191) through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	(\$100,213)
2011	(\$93,978)
2012	(\$93,978)
2013	(\$93,978)
2014	(\$93,978)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2009
2010	(\$100,213)	1.0
2011	(\$93,978)	1.0
2012	(\$93,978)	1.0
2013	(\$93,978)	1.0
2014	(\$93,978)	1.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Government Code and require the Texas Veterans Commission to establish the Texas Women Veterans Program to assist women veterans within the state attain equitable access to federal and state veterans' benefits and services. In addition, the bill would require the executive director of the Texas Veterans Commission designate a women veterans coordinator.

**Methodology**

The Texas Veterans Commission indicates that it would require one additional staff member to fulfill the duties assigned as the women veterans coordinator and to administer the Texas Women Veterans Program at a salary cost of \$48,084 each fiscal year out of the General Revenue Fund (GR) and

\$9,000 each fiscal year out of GR for travel related expenses. Benefits and retirement costs totaling \$13,738 would be required each fiscal year out of GR and would be appropriated to the Employee Retirement System. A one-time cost of \$6,235 in fiscal year 2010 out of GR would be needed for a computer, related software, desk, chair, display board, and other items. In addition, ongoing operating costs would also be required totaling \$1,656 per fiscal year for items such as telephone services and other consumables. Furthermore, in order to achieve outreach efforts as provided in the bill, that agency would need approximately \$20,000 per fiscal year out of GR for advertising expenses for radio and print advertising to veterans and the public. Printing expenses totaling \$1,500 each fiscal year would be needed to print additional agency brochures detailing information related to benefits and services for women veterans.

### **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission

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