

# JLBC Fiscal Note

**BILL #** HB 2348

**TITLE:** appropriations; DEMA

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**STATUS:** As Amended by House FMAE

## Description

The bill includes 3 appropriations to the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) for wireless networking upgrades, a lodging-in-kind program, and HVAC upgrades and building maintenance. The amounts appropriated for these purposes are not currently specified in the bill.

## Estimated Impact

We estimate the lodging-in-kind program would cost the state General Fund approximately \$7.6 million per year, based on information provided by DEMA. DEMA reports that appropriations for wireless networking and HVAC upgrades are not currently needed.

## Analysis

Our estimate is based on the following estimates and assumptions provided by DEMA:

- 1) DEMA already provides wireless network access for National Guard members at all training facilities. The bill would require that wireless access also be provided for Army Reserve members utilizing DEMA's facilities. DEMA states the Army Reserve already maintains its own broadband internet network at the relevant DEMA facilities and adding wireless access to this Army Reserve network would be the responsibility of the Army Reserve. As such, DEMA did not provide a cost estimate.
- 2) Federal funds are currently used to provide a lodging-in-kind program for the AZ Air National Guard. DEMA estimates that providing a similar program for the AZ Army National Guard would cost approximately \$7.6 million per year, which assumes that 2,113 Army National Guardsmen live more than 50 miles from their drilling location and would be eligible for the program described in the bill.
- 3) DEMA is not aware of any HVAC or maintenance needs at its facilities and does not believe additional funding is needed.

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