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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 299

RELATING TO: National World War II Memorial Fund

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Maygarden and others

TIED BILL(S): None

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (PRC)
 - (2) HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS (FRC)
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill provides a supplemental appropriation of \$248,000 from General Revenue to help fund the building of a National World War II Memorial.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Department of Veterans Affairs reports that 405,399 men and women were killed, and 671,846 were wounded, as a result of World War II. Among those casualties, an estimated 463 were Florida residents. Today, World War II veterans are all over 70 years old with a national mortality rate of approximately 30,000 per month.

According to information provided by the 1980 and 1990 Census, out of all veterans who relocated to another state during that decade, 47% moved to Florida. In fact, the rate of net growth in Florida's veteran population during the last two decades has exceeded 102 veterans per day. According to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, out of the approximately 1.7 million veterans residing in Florida on July 1, 1997, 559,500 were World War II veterans.

To honor those who served in World War II, the U.S. Congress introduced in 1987, and then subsequently passed in 1993, a bill, Public Law 103-32, authorizing the construction of a national World War II memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia. The memorial is funded entirely from private donations and is estimated to cost \$100 million. As of January 1999, approximately \$38 million has been raised through corporate and foundation giving, various veterans groups, and individual donations. Ground breaking for the memorial is scheduled for Veterans Day 2000.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill provides a supplemental appropriation of \$248,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the American Battle Monuments Commission for deposit in the National World War II Memorial Fund for the purpose of helping to fund the building of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The amount is equal to \$1 for each resident of the State of Florida who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1 -- Provides \$248,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the American Battle Monuments Commission for deposit into the National World War II Memorial Fund to fund the building of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Section 2 -- Provides for an effective date of July 1, 2000.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

This bill has no direct effect on state revenues.

2. Expenditures:

This bill provides a supplemental appropriation of \$248,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the American Battle Monuments Commission to fund the building of a National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The amount is equal to \$1 for each resident of the State of Florida who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

This bill has no direct effect on local government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

This bill has no direct effect on local government expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

This bill has no direct effect on the public sector.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take any actions requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority of counties or municipalities to raise revenues in the aggregate, as such authority existed on February 1, 1989.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

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This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties and municipalities as an aggregate, as such existed on February 1, 1989.

V. COMMENTS:

At the meeting of the Committee on Community Affairs on December 8, 1999, the sponsor requested the Committee temporarily pass the bill so that it could be taken up with HB 231, by Representative Brown and others. Representative Brown's bill also provides for a general revenue appropriation for the National World War II Memorial.

Additionally, the memorial will cost approximately \$100 million. To date, approximately \$70 million has been raised. Twenty-three states have provided funding for the memorial, most using the "\$1 for every man and woman who served in the war" formula, although some have provided more.

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

Similar bills: HB 231, SB 230, and SB 258.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VII. SIGNATURES:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

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