

National Guard, Veterans Affairs, and Legislature Base Budget

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

Senate Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 and appropriates funds for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- provides appropriations for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- provides appropriations for other purposes as described;
- provides intent language.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates \$4,411,900 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2025, including:

- \$2,150,000 from General Fund; and
- \$2,261,900 from various sources as detailed in this bill.

This bill appropriates (\$31,766,400) in expendable funds and accounts for fiscal year 2025, all of which is from the various sources as detailed in this bill.

This bill appropriates \$142,524,500 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, including:

- \$72,780,200 from General Fund; and
- \$1,850,300 from Income Tax Fund; and
- \$67,894,000 from various sources as detailed in this bill.

This bill appropriates \$48,552,600 in expendable funds and accounts for fiscal year 2026, all of which is from the various sources as detailed in this bill.

This bill appropriates \$5,000,000 in restricted fund and account transfers for fiscal year 2026, including:

- \$5,009,500 from General Fund; and

31 ▶ (\$9,500) from various sources as detailed in this bill.

32 **Other Special Clauses:**

33 This bill provides a special effective date.

34 Section 1 of this bill takes effect immediately. Section 2 and Section 3 of this bill take effect
35 on July 1, 2025.

36 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

37 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL:



39 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

40 Section 1. **FY 2025 Appropriations.**

41 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
42 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
43 fiscal year 2025.

44 Subsection 1(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

45 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
46 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
47 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

48 **CAPITOL PRESERVATION BOARD**

49 **ITEM 1 To Capitol Preservation Board - Operations**

50	From Expendable Receipts, One-time	(300)
51	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	1,082,700
52	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(1,464,100)
53	Schedule of Programs:	
54	Capitol Preservation Board	(381,700)

55 **LEGISLATURE**

56 **ITEM 2 To Legislature - Senate**

57	From General Fund, One-time	(250,000)
58	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	(64,100)
59	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	1,214,100
60	Schedule of Programs:	
61	Administration	900,000

62 **ITEM 3 To Legislature - House of Representatives**

63	From General Fund, One-time	(250,000)
64	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	352,900

65		From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(102,900)
66	ITEM 4	To Legislature - Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel	
67		From General Fund, One-time	(133,000)
68		From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	4,477,700
69		From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(4,344,600)
70		Schedule of Programs:	
71		Administration	100
72	ITEM 5	To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst	
73		From General Fund, One-time	(133,000)
74		From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	213,300
75		From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(80,300)
76	ITEM 6	To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Auditor General	
77		From General Fund, One-time	(133,000)
78		From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	466,000
79		From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(333,000)
80	ITEM 7	To Legislature - Office of Legislative Services	
81		From General Fund, One-time	1,056,500
82		From Revenue Transfers, One-time	(490,000)
83		From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	501,600
84		From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	109,100
85		Schedule of Programs:	
86		Administration	259,700
87		Pass Through	595,000
88		Legislative Interns	157,500
89		Information Technology	165,000
90		UTAH NATIONAL GUARD	
91	ITEM 8	To Utah National Guard - Utah National Guard Operations	
92		From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	3,283,100
93		From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(2,729,500)
94		Schedule of Programs:	
95		Tuition Assistance	1,786,600
96		West Traverse Sentinel Landscape	(1,233,000)
97		DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS	
98	ITEM 9	To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - Veterans and Military Affairs	

99	From General Fund, One-time	1,992,500
100	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	897,600
101	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(727,400)
102	Schedule of Programs:	
103	Administration	(96,500)
104	Cemetery	(142,100)
105	State Approving Agency	15,300
106	Outreach Services	42,500
107	Military Affairs	2,343,500

108 Under terms of Section 63J-1-603 Utah Code
 109 Annotated, the Legislature intends that appropriations
 110 provided for the Department of Veterans and Military
 111 Affairs - Veterans and Military Affairs in this item and
 112 Item 21, Chapter 7, Laws of Utah 2024 and Item 210,
 113 Chapter 487, Laws of Utah 2024 not lapse at the close of
 114 fiscal year 2025. Use of any nonlapsing funds is limited
 115 to: up to \$1,992,500 for Military Installation Sentinel
 116 Landscape; One-time Cemetery Acquisition Costs; and
 117 One-time Operations Costs.

118 Subsection 1(b). **Expendable Funds and Accounts**

119 The Legislature has reviewed the following expendable funds. The Legislature
 120 authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer amounts between funds and accounts as
 121 indicated. Outlays and expenditures from the funds or accounts to which the money is
 122 transferred may be made without further legislative action, in accordance with statutory
 123 provisions relating to the funds or accounts.

124 UTAH NATIONAL GUARD

125 ITEM 10 To Utah National Guard - National Guard MWR Fund

126	From Dedicated Credits Revenue, One-time	900,000
127	From Beginning Fund Balance	338,300
128	From Closing Fund Balance	(338,400)

129 Schedule of Programs:

130	National Guard MWR Fund	899,900
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131 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

132 ITEM 11 To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - Utah Veterans Nursing Home

133	Fund	
134	From Federal Funds, One-time	(32,666,200)
135	From Beginning Fund Balance	1,260,600
136	From Closing Fund Balance	(1,260,700)
137	Schedule of Programs:	
138	Veterans Nursing Home Fund	(32,666,300)
139	Subsection 1(c). Restricted Fund and Account Transfers	
140	The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following	
141	amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from	
142	the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation.	
143	ITEM 12 To General Fund Restricted - National Guard Death Benefits Account	
144	From Beginning Fund Balance	15,700
145	From Closing Fund Balance	(15,700)
146	Section 2. FY 2026 Appropriations.	
147	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,	
148	2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for	
149	fiscal year 2026.	
150	Subsection 2(a). Operating and Capital Budgets	
151	Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the	
152	Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for	
153	the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.	
154	CAPITOL PRESERVATION BOARD	
155	ITEM 13 To Capitol Preservation Board - Operations	
156	From General Fund	6,008,000
157	From Expendable Receipts	10,000
158	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	537,300
159	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	2,902,300
160	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(2,738,700)
161	Schedule of Programs:	
162	Capitol Preservation Board	6,718,900
163	In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the	
164	Legislature intends that the Capitol Preservation Board	
165	report on the following Operations line item performance	
166	measures for FY 2026: 1. Events on Capitol Hill (Target	

167 = 4,000); 2. Exhibit and Curatorial Services (Target =
 168 9,000); 3. Public Engagement - Students Served (Target
 169 = 50,000); 4. Public Engagement - Visitors Served
 170 (Target = 200,000); and 5. Stewardship Plan - Number
 171 of Major Projects (Target = 25).

172 LEGISLATURE

173 ITEM 14 To Legislature - Office of Legislative Services

174	From General Fund	9,302,300
175	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	42,000
176	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	3,679,700
177	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(3,554,100)
178	Schedule of Programs:	
179	Administration	2,189,200
180	Pass Through	667,700
181	Legislative Interns	578,400
182	Information Technology	6,034,600

183 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
 184 Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the
 185 following Office of Legislative Services line item
 186 performance measures for FY 2026: 1. Employee
 187 onboarding completed within three business days (Target
 188 = 100%); 2. File Server Up-time (Target = 95%); 3.
 189 Legislative committee rooms opened, tested, and ready
 190 for meetings no later than one hour before any scheduled
 191 meetings (Target = 100%); and 4. Vendor Invoices Paid
 192 Within Four Business Days After Approval to Pay
 193 Received (Target = 95%).

194 UTAH NATIONAL GUARD

195 ITEM 15 To Utah National Guard - Utah National Guard Operations

196	From General Fund	9,613,900
197	From Income Tax Fund	1,650,300
198	From Federal Funds	62,840,200
199	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	48,700
200	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	2,992,900

201	Schedule of Programs:	
202	Administration	1,829,400
203	Operations and Maintenance	70,074,900
204	Tuition Assistance	3,024,900
205	West Traverse Sentinel Landscape	2,216,800

206 The Legislature intends that the Utah National
 207 Guard be allowed to increase its vehicle fleet by up to
 208 three vehicles with funding from existing appropriations.

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 210 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
 211 Legislature intends that the Utah National Guard report
 212 on the following Utah National Guard Operations line
 213 item performance measures for FY 2026: 1. Facility
 214 Maintenance Cost per Square Foot (Target = \$3); 2.
 215 Facility project federal share (Target = 75%); 3.
 216 Individual Training Completion (Target = 90%); 4.
 217 Installation Readiness (Target = 2); 5. National Guard
 218 Mission Fulfillment (Target = 100%); 6. Percent of acres
 219 preserved under the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape
 220 Program (Target = 55%); 7. Percentage of tuition
 221 assistance applications fulfilled (Target = 75%); 8.
 222 Personnel Readiness (Target = 100%); 9. Tuition
 223 Assistance Applications Fulfilled (Target = 700); and
 224 10. Utility Cost per Square Foot (Target = \$2).

225 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

226 ITEM 16 To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - Veterans and Military Affairs

227	From General Fund	3,864,000
228	From Federal Funds	769,200
229	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	364,500
230	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	727,400
231	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(727,400)
232	Schedule of Programs:	
233	Administration	855,800
234	Cemetery	958,000

235	State Approving Agency	289,700
236	Outreach Services	2,371,300
237	Military Affairs	522,900

238 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
 239 Legislature intends that the Department of Veterans and
 240 Military Affairs report on the following Veterans and
 241 Military Affairs line item performance measures for FY
 242 2026: 1. Annual growth in compensation, pension, and
 243 educational benefits assistance to veterans (Target = 5%);
 244 2. Annual Increase in the Number of Current Conflict
 245 Veterans Who Are Connected to Appropriate Services
 246 (Target = 10%); 3. Veterans benefits received (in \$
 247 millions) (Target = \$600); and 4. Veterans
 248 unemployment rate equal to or lower than the statewide
 249 unemployment rate (Target = 2.5%).

250	ITEM 17 To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - DVMA Pass Through	
251	From General Fund	2,197,500
252	From Income Tax Fund	200,000
253	Schedule of Programs:	
254	DVMA Pass Through	2,397,500

255 Subsection 2(b). **Expendable Funds and Accounts**

256 The Legislature has reviewed the following expendable funds. The Legislature
 257 authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer amounts between funds and accounts as
 258 indicated. Outlays and expenditures from the funds or accounts to which the money is
 259 transferred may be made without further legislative action, in accordance with statutory
 260 provisions relating to the funds or accounts.

261 UTAH NATIONAL GUARD

262	ITEM 18 To Utah National Guard - National Guard MWR Fund	
263	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	3,759,800
264	From Beginning Fund Balance	354,500
265	From Closing Fund Balance	(354,500)
266	Schedule of Programs:	
267	National Guard MWR Fund	3,759,800

268 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the

269 Legislature intends that the Utah National Guard report
 270 on the following National Guard MWR Fund line item
 271 performance measures for FY 2026: 1. Enhanced Morale
 272 (percent Positive Feedback) (Target = 70%) and 2.
 273 Financial sustainability (ratio of income to expenses)
 274 (Target = 100%).

275 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

276 ITEM 19 To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - Utah Veterans Nursing Home
 277 Fund

278	From Federal Funds	44,560,200
279	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	232,600
280	From Beginning Fund Balance	17,242,100
281	From Closing Fund Balance	(17,242,100)
282	Schedule of Programs:	
283	Veterans Nursing Home Fund	44,792,800

284 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
 285 Legislature intends that the Department of Veterans and
 286 Military Affairs report on the following Utah Veterans
 287 Nursing Home Fund line item performance measures for
 288 FY 2026: 1. Number of Homes in Top 30% of All
 289 Veteran Homes Nationally (Target = 3); 2. Nursing
 290 Home Occupancy Rate (Target = 95%); 3. Veterans
 291 Home Performance Ratings (Target = 4.75); and 4.
 292 Veterans Homes Customer Satisfaction (Target = 4.5).

293 Subsection 2(c). **Restricted Fund and Account Transfers**

294 The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following
 295 amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from
 296 the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation.

297 ITEM 20 To General Fund Restricted - National Guard Death Benefits Account

298	From General Fund	9,500
299	From Beginning Fund Balance	401,200
300	From Closing Fund Balance	(410,700)

301 ITEM 21 To Firefighters Retirement Trust & Agency Fund

302	From General Fund	5,000,000
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303	Schedule of Programs:	
304	Firefighters Retirement Trust & Agency Fund	5,000,000
305	Section 3. FY 2026 Appropriations.	
306	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,	
307	2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for	
308	fiscal year 2026.	
309	Subsection 3(a). Operating and Capital Budgets	
310	Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the	
311	Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for	
312	the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.	
313	LEGISLATURE	
314	ITEM 22 To Legislature - Senate	
315	From General Fund	4,796,100
316	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	1,147,900
317	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(1,147,900)
318	Schedule of Programs:	
319	Administration	4,796,100
320	ITEM 23 To Legislature - House of Representatives	
321	From General Fund	7,600,800
322	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	4,563,000
323	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(4,563,000)
324	Schedule of Programs:	
325	Administration	7,600,800
326	ITEM 24 To Legislature - Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel	
327	From General Fund	15,469,200
328	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	11,159,400
329	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(11,159,400)
330	Schedule of Programs:	
331	Administration	15,469,200
332	In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the	
333	Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the	
334	following Office of Legislative Research and General	
335	Counsel line item performance measures for FY 2026: 1.	
336	Assign subjects codes to bills and substitutes within three	

337 business days after bills and substitutes are made public
338 (Target = 80%); 2. Bills numbered before the annual
339 general session convenes (Target = 300); 3. During the
340 annual general session, bills numbered within two
341 business days after receiving approval from the sponsor
342 (Target = 95%); 4. Live priority bills completed or
343 abandoned by the 4th Friday of the annual general
344 session (Target = 90%); 5. Provide relevant policy briefs
345 to the Legislature (Target = 6); and 6. Timely
346 distribution of "Interim Highlights" to the Legislature
347 (within four business days after interim) (Target = 4).

348 ITEM 25 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst

349	From General Fund	5,670,300
350	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	1,837,000
351	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(1,837,000)
352	Schedule of Programs:	
353	Administration and Research	5,670,300

354 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
355 Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the
356 following Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst line
357 item performance measures for FY 2026: 1. Correct
358 Appropriations Bills (Target = 99%); 2. On-target
359 revenue estimates (18 months out) (Target = 92%); 3.
360 On-target revenue estimates (4 months out) (Target =
361 98%); 4. Timely fiscal notes (Target = 95%); and 5.
362 Unrevised fiscal notes (Target = 99.5%).

363 ITEM 26 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Auditor General

364	From General Fund	8,258,100
365	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	2,123,000
366	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(2,123,000)
367	Schedule of Programs:	
368	Administration	8,258,100

369 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
370 Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the

371 following Office of the Legislative Auditor General line
372 item performance measures for FY 2026: 1. Number of
373 Agency Recommendations and Implementation Status
374 (implemented, in Process, Partial Implementation, or Not
375 Implemented) (Percent Implemented or in Process)
376 (Target = 95%); 2. Number of Legislative
377 Recommendations and Implementation Status
378 (implemented, in Process, Partial Implementation, or Not
379 Implemented) (Percent Implemented or in Process)
380 (Target = 95%); and 3. Total Audits Completed Each
381 Year (Target = 20).

382 **Section 4. Effective Date.**

- 383 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect July 1, 2025.
- 384 (2) The actions affecting Section 1 (Effective upon governor's approval) take effect:
- 385 (a) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), May 7, 2025; or
- 386 (b) if approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house:
- 387 (i) upon approval by the governor;
- 388 (ii) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time limit of
- 389 Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or
- 390 (iii) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.