

National Guard, Veterans Affairs, and Legislature Base Budget

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W Stevenson

House Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 and appropriates funds for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

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 \$4,951,300 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, all of which is from the various sources as detailed in this bill.

This bill appropriates \$100 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 \$148,443,400 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2027, including:

- ▶ \$76,045,800 from General Fund; and
- ▶ \$1,850,300 from Income Tax Fund; and
- ▶ \$70,547,300 from various sources as detailed in this bill.

This bill appropriates \$53,517,800 in expendable funds and accounts for fiscal year 2027, all of which is from the various sources as detailed in this bill.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

28 **Uncodified Material Affected:**29 **ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL**

31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*32 **Section 1. FY 2026 Appropriations.**33 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
34 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
35 fiscal year 2026.36 **Subsection 1(a). Operating and Capital Budgets**37 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
38 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
39 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.40 **CAPITOL PRESERVATION BOARD**

41 ITEM 1 To Capitol Preservation Board - Operations

42	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	435,500
43	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(621,500)
44 Schedule of Programs:		
45	Capitol Preservation Board	(186,000)

46 **LEGISLATURE**

47 ITEM 2 To Legislature - Senate

48	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	923,400
49	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(923,400)

50 ITEM 3 To Legislature - House of Representatives

51	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	193,500
52	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(193,500)

53 ITEM 4 To Legislature - Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

54	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	(332,700)
55	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	332,700

56 ITEM 5 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst

57	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	241,200
58	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(241,200)

59 ITEM 6 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Auditor General

60	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	478,100
61	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(478,100)

62	ITEM 7	To Legislature - Office of Legislative Services	
63		From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	351,200
64		From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(351,200)
65	UTAH NATIONAL GUARD		
66	ITEM 8	To Utah National Guard - Utah National Guard Operations	
67		From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	4,685,400
68		From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(1,731,700)
69		Schedule of Programs:	
70		Administration	91,900
71		Tuition Assistance	3,038,300
72		West Traverse Sentinel Landscape	(176,500)
73	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS		
74	ITEM 9	To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - Veterans and Military Affairs	
75		From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	2,042,900
76		From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	140,700
77		Schedule of Programs:	
78		Northern Utah Cemetery	34,300
79		State Approving Agency	27,700
80		Outreach Services	21,700
81		Military Affairs	2,099,900
82		Under terms of Section 63J-1-603 Utah Code	
83		Annotated, the Legislature intends that appropriations	
84		provided for the Department of Veterans and Military	
85		Affairs - Veterans and Military Affairs in this item and	
86		Items 9 and 16, Chapter 5, Laws of Utah 2025, not lapse	
87		at the close of fiscal year 2026. Use of any nonlapsing	
88		funds is limited to: up to \$1,992,000 for Military	
89		Installation Sentinel Landscape; up to \$750,000 for	
90		one-time cemetery acquisition costs; and up to \$28,000	
91		for one-time operations costs.	

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

93 The Legislature has reviewed the following expendable funds. The Legislature
94 authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer amounts between funds and accounts as
95 indicated. Outlays and expenditures from the funds or accounts to which the money is

96	transferred may be made without further legislative action, in accordance with statutory	
97	provisions relating to the funds or accounts.	
98	UTAH NATIONAL GUARD	
99	ITEM 10 To Utah National Guard - National Guard MWR Fund	
100	From Beginning Fund Balance	(108,100)
101	From Closing Fund Balance	108,100
102	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS	
103	ITEM 11 To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - Utah Veterans Nursing Home	
104	Fund	
105	From Beginning Fund Balance	7,529,600
106	From Closing Fund Balance	(7,529,500)
107	Schedule of Programs:	
108	Veterans Nursing Home Fund	100
109	Subsection 1(c). Restricted Fund and Account Transfers	
110	The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following	
111	amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from	
112	the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation.	
113	ITEM 12 To General Fund Restricted - National Guard Death Benefit Account	
114	From Beginning Fund Balance	19,800
115	From Closing Fund Balance	(19,800)
116	Section 2. FY 2027 Appropriations.	
117	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,	
118	2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for	
119	fiscal year 2027.	
120	Subsection 2(a). Operating and Capital Budgets	
121	Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the	
122	Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for	
123	the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.	
124	CAPITOL PRESERVATION BOARD	
125	ITEM 13 To Capitol Preservation Board - Operations	
126	From General Fund	7,185,300
127	From Expendable Receipts	11,800
128	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	762,000
129	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	3,360,200

130	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(3,353,500)
131	Schedule of Programs:	
132	Capitol Preservation Board	7,965,800
133	In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the	
134	Legislature intends that the Capitol Preservation Board	
135	report on the following Operations line item performance	
136	measures for FY 2027: 1. Curation and Collection	
137	Management - Number of Exhibits Annually (Target =	
138	19); 2. Events and Scheduling on Capitol Hill (Target =	
139	2,268); and 3. Visitor Services: Student and Public	
140	Engagement (Target = 2,000).	
141	LEGISLATURE	
142	ITEM 14 To Legislature - Senate	
143	From General Fund	4,774,700
144	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	2,071,300
145	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(2,071,300)
146	Schedule of Programs:	
147	Administration	4,774,700
148	ITEM 15 To Legislature - House of Representatives	
149	From General Fund	7,598,300
150	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	4,756,500
151	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(4,756,500)
152	Schedule of Programs:	
153	Administration	7,598,300
154	ITEM 16 To Legislature - Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel	
155	From General Fund	16,179,300
156	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	10,826,700
157	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(10,826,700)
158	Schedule of Programs:	
159	Administration	16,179,300
160	In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the	
161	Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the	
162	following Office of Legislative Research and General	
163	Counsel line item performance measures for FY 2027: 1.	

164 Assignment of Subject Codes to Bills and Substitutes
 165 Within Three Business Days (Target = 80%); 2. Bills
 166 numbered before the annual general session convenes
 167 (Target = 300); 3. During the annual general session,
 168 bills numbered within two business days after receiving
 169 approval from the sponsor (Target = 95%); 4. Live
 170 priority bills completed or abandoned by the 4th Friday
 171 of the annual general session (Target = 90%); 5. Relevant
 172 Policy Briefs (Target = 6); and 6. Timely Distribution of
 173 "Interim Highlights" to the Legislature (within Four
 174 Business Days After Interim) (Target = 100%).

175 ITEM 17 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst

176 From General Fund	6,016,600
177 From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	2,078,200
178 From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(2,078,200)

179 Schedule of Programs:

180 Administration and Research	6,016,600
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181 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
 182 Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the
 183 following Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst line
 184 item performance measures for FY 2027: 1. Correct
 185 Appropriations Bills (Target = 99%); 2. On-target
 186 revenue estimates (18 months out) (Target = 92%); 3.
 187 On-target revenue estimates (4 months out) (Target =
 188 98%); 4. Timely fiscal notes (Target = 95%); and 5.
 189 Unrevised fiscal notes (Target = 99.5%).

190 ITEM 18 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Auditor General

191 From General Fund	8,634,200
192 From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	2,601,100
193 From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(2,601,100)

194 Schedule of Programs:

195 Administration	8,634,200
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196 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
 197 Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the

198 following Office of the Legislative Auditor General line
199 item performance measures for FY 2027: 1. Agency
200 Recommendation Implementation Status (Implemented,
201 in Process, Partial Implementation, or Not Implemented)
202 (Target = 95%); 2. Legislative Recommendations and
203 Implementation Status (Implemented, in Process, Partial
204 Implementation, or Not Implemented) (Target = 80%);
205 and 3. Total Audits Completed Each Year (Target = 25).

206 UTAH NATIONAL GUARD

207 ITEM 19 To Utah National Guard - Utah National Guard Operations

208	From General Fund	9,615,000
209	From Income Tax Fund	1,650,300
210	From Federal Funds	66,623,500
211	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	48,800
212	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	1,731,700

213 Schedule of Programs:

214	Administration	1,675,000
215	Operations and Maintenance	74,969,400
216	Tuition Assistance	3,024,900

217 The Legislature intends that the Utah National
218 Guard may purchase three additional fleet vehicles
219 within funding from existing appropriations.

220 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
221 Legislature intends that the Utah National Guard report
222 on the following Utah National Guard Operations line
223 item performance measures for FY 2027: 1. Facility
224 Maintenance Cost per Square Foot (Target = \$3); 2.
225 Facility project federal share (Target = 75%); 3.
226 Individual Training Completion (Target = 90%); 4.
227 Installation Readiness (Target = 2); 5. National Guard
228 Mission Fulfillment (Target = 100%); 6. Percent of Acres
229 Preserved Under the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape
230 Program (Target = 57%); 7. Percentage of tuition
231 assistance applications fulfilled (Target = 75%); 8.

232 Personnel Readiness (Target = 100%); 9. Tuition
233 Assistance Applications Fulfilled (Target = 800); and
234 10. Utility Cost per Square Foot (Target = \$2).

235 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

236 ITEM 20 To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - Veterans and Military Affairs

237	From General Fund	4,275,200
238	From Federal Funds	789,400
239	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	370,900
240	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	586,700
241	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(552,500)

242 Schedule of Programs:

243	Administration	834,200
244	Cemetery	1,164,100
245	Northern Utah Cemetery	34,200
246	State Approving Agency	296,600
247	Outreach Services	2,556,100
248	Military Affairs	584,500

262 ITEM 21 To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - DVMA Pass Through

266 DVMA Pass Through 2,332,500
267 Under the provisions of Utah Code Annotated
268 Title 63G Chapter 6b, the Legislature intends that the
269 Department of Veterans and Military Affairs use ongoing
270 appropriations in this item to provide a direct award grant
271 of \$400,000 to Utah Defense Alliance in fiscal year 2027
272 for advancing Utah's interest in military affairs.

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

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

279 **UTAH NATIONAL GUARD**

280 **ITEM 22 To Utah National Guard - National Guard MWR Fund**

281 From Dedicated Credits Revenue	3,775,100
282 From Beginning Fund Balance	246,400
283 From Closing Fund Balance	(246,400)

284 Schedule of Programs:

285 National Guard MWR Fund	3,775,100
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286 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the
287 Legislature intends that the Utah National Guard report
288 on the following National Guard MWR Fund line item
289 performance measures for FY 2027: 1. Enhanced Morale
290 (percent Positive Feedback) (Target = 70%) and 2.
291 Financial Sustainability (ratio of Income to Expenses)
292 (Target = 100%).

293 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

294 **ITEM 23 To Department of Veterans and Military Affairs - Utah Veterans Nursing Home
295 Fund**

296 From Federal Funds	49,510,000
297 From Dedicated Credits Revenue	232,700
298 From Beginning Fund Balance	24,771,600
299 From Closing Fund Balance	(24,771,600)

300	Schedule of Programs:	
301	Veterans Nursing Home Fund	49,742,700
302	In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the	
303	Legislature intends that the Department of Veterans and	
304	Military Affairs report on the following Utah Veterans	
305	Nursing Home Fund line item performance measures for	
306	FY 2027: 1. HOMES: Home Performance Ratings	
307	(Target = 4.75); 2. HOMES: Nursing Home Occupancy	
308	Rate (Target = 95%); and 3. HOMES: Veterans Homes	
309	Customer Satisfaction (Target = 4.5).	
310	Subsection 2(c). Restricted Fund and Account Transfers	
311	The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following	
312	amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from	
313	the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation.	
314	ITEM 24 To General Fund Restricted - National Guard Death Benefit Account	
315	From Beginning Fund Balance	421,000
316	From Closing Fund Balance	(421,000)
317	Section 3. FY 2027 Appropriations.	
318	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,	
319	2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for	
320	fiscal year 2027.	
321	Subsection 3(a). Operating and Capital Budgets	
322	Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the	
323	Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for	
324	the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.	
325	LEGISLATURE	
326	ITEM 25 To Legislature - Office of Legislative Services	
327	From General Fund	9,634,700
328	From Dedicated Credits Revenue	42,700
329	From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	3,905,300
330	From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(3,779,700)
331	Schedule of Programs:	
332	Administration	2,218,400
333	Pass Through	825,200

334	Legislative Interns	420,900
335	Information Technology	6,338,500

In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the following Office of Legislative Services line item performance measures for FY 2027: 1. File Server Up-time (Target = 95%); 2. Legislative committee rooms opened, tested, and ready for meetings no later than one hour before any scheduled meetings (Target = 100%); 3. Maintain High Annual Employee Retention Rate (Target = 90%); and 4. Vendor Invoices Paid Within Four Business Days After All Required Documentation Submitted (Target = 95%).

Section 4. Effective Date.

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect July 1, 2026.
- (2) The actions affecting Section 1 (Effective upon governor's approval) take effect:
 - (a) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), May 6, 2026; or
 - (b) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:
 - (i) upon approval by the governor;
 - (ii) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or
 - (iii) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.