

**National Guard, Veterans Affairs, and Legislature Base Budget**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jerry W Stevenson**

House Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

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**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.

**Uncodified Material Affected:**

## ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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

**Section 1. FY 2026 Appropriations.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2026.

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

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

**CAPITOL PRESERVATION BOARD****ITEM 1 To Capitol Preservation Board - Operations**

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	435,500
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From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(621,500)
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**Schedule of Programs:**

Capitol Preservation Board	(186,000)
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**LEGISLATURE****ITEM 2 To Legislature - Senate**

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	923,400
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From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(923,400)
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**ITEM 3 To Legislature - House of Representatives**

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	193,500
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From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(193,500)
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**ITEM 4 To Legislature - Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	(332,700)
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From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	332,700
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**ITEM 5 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	241,200
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From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(241,200)
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**ITEM 6 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Auditor General**

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	478,100
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From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(478,100)
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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). <b>Expendable Funds and Accounts</b>	
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	

transferred may be made without further legislative action, in accordance with statutory provisions relating to the funds or accounts.

#### UTAH NATIONAL GUARD

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

From Beginning Fund Balance	(108,100)
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From Closing Fund Balance	108,100
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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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

From Beginning Fund Balance	7,529,600
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From Closing Fund Balance	(7,529,500)
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##### Schedule of Programs:

Veterans Nursing Home Fund	100
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#### Subsection 1(c). **Restricted Fund and Account Transfers**

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

##### ITEM 12 To General Fund Restricted - National Guard Death Benefit Account

From Beginning Fund Balance	19,800
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From Closing Fund Balance	(19,800)
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#### Section 2. **FY 2027 Appropriations.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2027.

#### Subsection 2(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

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

#### CAPITOL PRESERVATION BOARD

##### ITEM 13 To Capitol Preservation Board - Operations

From General Fund	7,185,300
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From Expendable Receipts	11,800
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From Dedicated Credits Revenue	762,000
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From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	3,360,200
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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
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
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

249 In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the  
 250 Legislature intends that the Department of Veterans and  
 251 Military Affairs report on the following Veterans and  
 252 Military Affairs line item performance measures for FY  
 253 2027: 1. OUTREACH: Annual Growth in Compensation,  
 254 Pension, and Educational Benefits Assistance to Veterans  
 255 (Target = 5%); 2. OUTREACH: Annual Increase in the  
 256 Number of Current Conflict Veterans Who Are  
 257 Connected to Appropriate Services (Target = 10%); 3.  
 258 OUTREACH: Veterans Benefits Received (in \$  
 259 Millions) (Target = \$900); and 4. OUTREACH:  
 260 Veterans Unemployment Rate Equal to or Lower Than  
 261 the Statewide Unemployment Rate (Target = 3%).

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

263	From General Fund	2,132,500
264	From Income Tax Fund	200,000
265	Schedule of Programs:	



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). <b>Expendable Funds and Accounts</b>	
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
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). <b>Restricted Fund and Account Transfers</b>	
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. <b>FY 2027 Appropriations.</b>	
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). <b>Operating and Capital Budgets</b>	
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

336                   In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the  
 337                   Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the  
 338                   following Office of Legislative Services line item  
 339                   performance measures for FY 2027: 1. File Server  
 340                   Up-time (Target = 95%); 2. Legislative committee rooms  
 341                   opened, tested, and ready for meetings no later than one  
 342                   hour before any scheduled meetings (Target = 100%); 3.  
 343                   Maintain High Annual Employee Retention Rate (Target  
 344                   = 90%); and 4. Vendor Invoices Paid Within Four  
 345                   Business Days After All Required Documentation  
 346                   Submitted (Target = 95%).

347                   Section 4. **Effective Date.**

348                   (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

349                   (2) The actions affecting Section 1 (Effective upon governor's approval) take effect:

350                   (a) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), May 6, 2026; or

351                   (b) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:

352                   (i) upon approval by the governor;

353                   (ii) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time limit of

354                   Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

355                   (iii) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.