

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.

Uncodified Material Affected:

ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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

From Closing Nonlapsing Balances (621,500)

Schedule of Programs:

Capitol Preservation Board (186,000)

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ITEM 2 To Legislature - Senate

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances 923,400

From Closing Nonlapsing Balances (923,400)

ITEM 3 To Legislature - House of Representatives

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances 193,500

From Closing Nonlapsing Balances (193,500)

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

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances (332,700)

From Closing Nonlapsing Balances 332,700

ITEM 5 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances 241,200

From Closing Nonlapsing Balances (241,200)

ITEM 6 To Legislature - Office of the Legislative Auditor General

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances 478,100

From Closing Nonlapsing Balances (478,100)

ITEM 7 To Legislature - Office of Legislative Services

From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances 351,200

From Closing Nonlapsing Balances (351,200)

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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.

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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
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).

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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). **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.

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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
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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.

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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

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.