

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

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W Stevenson

House Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and
5 operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30,
6 2026 and appropriates funds for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal
7 year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

8 **Highlighted Provisions:**

9 This bill:

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

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

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

16 This bill appropriates \$100 in expendable funds and accounts for fiscal year 2026, all of which
17 is from the various sources as detailed in this bill.

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

- 20 ▶ \$76,045,800 from General Fund; and
- 21 ▶ \$1,850,300 from Income Tax Fund; and
- 22 ▶ \$70,547,300 from various sources as detailed in this bill.

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

25 **Other Special Clauses:**

26 This bill provides a special effective date.

27 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

28 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
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43 From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(621,500)
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44 Schedule of Programs:

45 Capitol Preservation Board	(186,000)
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46 **LEGISLATURE**

47 ITEM 2 To Legislature - Senate

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

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

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

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

60 From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	478,100
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61 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
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64 From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(351,200)
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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

In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the Legislature intends that the Capitol Preservation Board report on the following Operations line item performance measures for FY 2027: 1. Curation and Collection Management - Number of Exhibits Annually (Target = 19); 2. Events and Scheduling on Capitol Hill (Target = 2,268); and 3. Visitor Services: Student and Public Engagement (Target = 2,000).

LEGISLATURE

ITEM 14 To Legislature - Senate

From General Fund	4,774,700
From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	2,071,300
From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(2,071,300)

Schedule of Programs:

Administration 4,774,700

ITEM 15 To Legislature - House of Representatives

From General Fund	7,598,300
From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	4,756,500
From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(4,756,500)

Schedule of Programs:

Administration 7,598,300

ITEM 16 To Legislature - Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

From General Fund	16,179,300
From Beginning Nonlapsing Balances	10,826,700
From Closing Nonlapsing Balances	(10,826,700)

Schedule of Programs:

Administration 16,179,300

In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the Legislature intends that the Legislature report on the following Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel line item performance measures for FY 2027: 1. Assignment of Subject Codes to Bills and Substitutes Within Three Business Days (Target = 80%); 2. Bills 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,

in Process, Partial Implementation, or Not Implemented) (Target = 95%); 2. Legislative Recommendations and Implementation Status (Implemented, in Process, Partial Implementation, or Not Implemented) (Target = 80%); and 3. Total Audits Completed Each Year (Target = 25).

UTAH NATIONAL GUARD

ITEM 19 To Utah National Guard - Utah National Guard Operations

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

Schedule of Programs:

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

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

In accordance with UCA 63J-1-903, the Legislature intends that the Utah National Guard report on the following Utah National Guard Operations line item performance measures for FY 2027: 1. Facility Maintenance Cost per Square Foot (Target = \$3); 2. Facility project federal share (Target = 75%); 3. Individual Training Completion (Target = 90%); 4. Installation Readiness (Target = 2); 5. National Guard Mission Fulfillment (Target = 100%); 6. Percent of Acres Preserved Under the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Program (Target = 57%); 7. Percentage of tuition assistance applications fulfilled (Target = 75%); 8. Personnel Readiness (Target = 100%); 9. Tuition Assistance Applications Fulfilled (Target = 800); and 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	

Department of Veterans and Military Affairs use ongoing appropriations in this item to provide a direct award grant of \$400,000 to Utah Defense Alliance in fiscal year 2027 for advancing Utah's interest in military affairs.

Subsection 2(b). Expendable Funds and Accounts

The Legislature has reviewed the following expendable funds. The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer amounts between funds and accounts as 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 22 To Utah National Guard - National Guard MWR Fund

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

Schedule of Programs:

National Guard MWR Fund 3,775,100

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

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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

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

Schedule of Programs:

Veterans Nursing Home Fund 49 742 700

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

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.