
Issue Brief – Department of Veterans’ Affairs Funding

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SUMMARY

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs is responsible to provide information to Utah veterans about programs available for all veterans through the Veterans’ Administration.

The Analyst recommends that the Transportation, Environmental Quality, and National Guard Appropriations Subcommittee consider appropriating \$200,000 from the General Fund to effectively fund the fiscal note for House Bill 426 of the 2007 General Session.

DISCUSSION

The Legislature passed House Bill 426 “Change to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs” during the last hour of the 45 day of the session in 2007. Because of the late hour the legislation passed the fiscal note was not funded. Fortunately a \$300,000 one time appropriation was approved for Veterans’ Affairs for FY 2008 that allowed the transition from program status to department status for Veterans’ Affairs, and provided funding for the Department to move forward with other programs as well.

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs requested \$200,000 to replace the one-time funds as they get the new Department up and running.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Transportation, Environmental Quality, and National Guard Appropriations Subcommittee consider funding \$200,000 from the General Fund to provide ongoing funding for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.