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Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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on Second Reading in the Second House*

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**HOUSE BILL 26-1162**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Sirota**, Brown, Taggart, Caldwell, Camacho, Clifford, Froelich, Gonzalez R., Hamrick,  
Joseph, Keltie, Lieder, McCluskie, Nguyen, Slaugh, Weinberg

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Bridges**, Amabile, Kirkmeyer

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**House Committees**

Appropriations

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT**  
102      **OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Supplemental appropriations are made to the department of military and veterans affairs.

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1      *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
February 19, 2026

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 12, 2026

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
February 11, 2026

1           **SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of military and**  
2   **veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.** In Session  
3   Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), **amend**  
4   Part XIV as follows:  
5           Section 2. **Appropriation.**

			APPROPRIATION FROM				
	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	PART XIV						
2	DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS						
3							
4	(1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD						
5	Personal Services <sup>74</sup>	3,066,550	2,646,050		4,260 <sup>a</sup>		416,240(I) <sup>b</sup>
6	(29.4 FTE)						
7	Health, Life, and Dental	<del>2,188,185</del>	<del>872,373</del>		<del>43,912*</del>		<del>1,271,900(I)</del> <sup>b</sup>
8		2,197,698	855,664		45,348 <sup>a</sup>		1,296,686(I) <sup>b</sup>
9	Short-term Disability	10,157	4,118		196 <sup>a</sup>		5,843(I) <sup>b</sup>
10	Paid Family Medical Leave						
11	Insurance	65,294	26,475		1,258 <sup>a</sup>		37,561(I) <sup>b</sup>
12	Unfunded Liability						
13	Amortization Equalization						
14	Disbursement Payments	1,450,964	588,336		27,946 <sup>a</sup>		834,682(I) <sup>b</sup>
15	Salary Survey	400,578	161,050		7,659 <sup>a</sup>		231,869(I) <sup>b</sup>

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Step Pay	123,286	55,488		2,289 <sup>a</sup>		65,509(I) <sup>b</sup>
2	PERA Direct Distribution	285,383	<del>115,717</del>		5,497 <sup>a</sup>		<del>164,169(I)</del> <sup>b</sup>
3			279,886				
4	Workers' Compensation	137,377	64,173				73,204(I) <sup>b</sup>
5	Operating Expenses <sup>74</sup>	1,140,031	1,044,031		96,000 <sup>c</sup>		
6	Information Technology						
7	Asset Maintenance	232,817	232,817				
8	Legal Services	106,028	106,028				
9	Payment to Risk						
10	Management and Property						
11	Funds	1,268,201	1,268,201				
12	Vehicle Lease Payments <sup>74</sup>	<del>135,712</del>	<del>64,366</del>				<del>71,346(I)</del> <sup>b</sup>
13		108,353	51,397				56,956(I) <sup>b</sup>
14	Leased Space	63,893	63,893				

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1	Capitol Complex Leased						
2	Space	60,973	60,973				
3	Annual Depreciation-Lease						
4	Equivalent Payment	87,994	87,994				
5	Payments to OIT	<del>764,306</del>	<del>764,306</del>				
6		761,565	761,565				
7	CORE Operations	12,261	12,261				
8	Digital Trunk Radio	53,688	53,688				
9	Civil Air Patrol Operations	70,365	70,365				
10	Local Armory Incentive						
11	Plan	20,000			20,000 <sup>c</sup>		
12	Statewide Indirect Cost						
13	Collections	163,923			4,688 <sup>d</sup>	1,042 <sup>e</sup>	158,193(I) <sup>b</sup>

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1	Appropriation to the						
2	Colorado National Guard						
3	Tuition Fund	1,208,200	1,208,200				
4	Army National Guard						
5	Cooperative Agreement <sup>74</sup>	15,603,656	2,240,170				13,363,486(I) <sup>b</sup>
6	(84.1 FTE)						
7		28,719,822					
8		28,699,235					
9							
10	<sup>a</sup> This amount includes approximately \$59,404 from the Western Slope Military Veterans' Cemetery Fund created in Section 28-5-708 (1)(a), C.R.S., \$204 from the Veterans One-stop						
11	Center Cash Fund created in Section 28-5-713 (4), C.R.S., and <del>\$33,409</del> \$34,845 from various sources of cash funds.						
12	<sup>b</sup> These amounts are pursuant to cooperative agreements with the federal government for operations of the Colorado National Guard and are shown for informational purposes only.						
13	<sup>c</sup> Of this amount an estimated \$66,000 shall be from Armory Lease and Real Estate Proceeds, pursuant to Section 28-3-106 (1)(s)(I), C.R.S., and an estimated \$50,000 shall be from						
14	the Electric Vehicle Services Equipment Fund created in section 28-3-110 (1), C.R.S.						
15	<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from various sources of cash funds.						

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1	° This amount shall be from statewide indirect cost collections.						
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3	<b>(2) DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS</b>						
4	Veterans Service Operations	1,836,476	1,789,496		46,980 <sup>a</sup>		
5		(19.0 FTE)					
6	Veterans Mental Health						
7	Services	5,260,143	260,143			5,000,000 <sup>f</sup>	
8			(2.0 FTE)				
9	County Veterans Service						
10	Officer Payments	1,367,189	1,367,189				
11	Colorado State Veterans						
12	Trust Fund Expenditures <sup>75</sup>	1,683,256			1,683,256 <sup>a</sup>		
13	Veterans Assistance Grant						
14	Program	1,257,886	1,100,000		157,886 <sup>b</sup>		
15			(0.5 FTE)				

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Western Slope Veterans						
2	Cemetery	759,945	489,956		269,989 <sup>c</sup>		
3	(7.8 FTE)						
4	Grand Junction Veterans						
5	One-stop Center/Western						
6	Region One Source	386,749	160,442		201,307 <sup>d</sup>	25,000(I) <sup>e</sup>	
7			(3.1 FTE)			(1.0 FTE)	
8		12,551,644					
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10 <sup>a</sup> These amounts shall be from the Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund created in Section 28-5-709 (1)(a), C.R.S.

11 <sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from the Veterans Assistance Grant Program Cash Fund created in Section 28-5-712 (3), C.R.S.

12 <sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from the Western Slope Military Veterans' Cemetery Fund created in Section 28-5-708 (1)(a), C.R.S.

13 <sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from the Veterans One-stop Center Cash Fund created in Section 28-5-713 (4), C.R.S.

14 <sup>e</sup> This amount is estimated to be received from amounts appropriated in the Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund Expenditures line item in this division.



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1	<sup>f</sup> This amount shall be transferred from the Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Administration, Community-based Mental Health Services, Veterans Mental Health						
2	line item appropriation.						
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4	<b>(3) AIR NATIONAL GUARD</b>						
5	Operations and Maintenance						
6	Agreement for						
7	Buckley/Greeley	3,126,844	474,112				2,652,732(I) <sup>a</sup>
8		(28.0 FTE)					
9	Air Traffic Control Buckley	737,692					737,692(I) <sup>a</sup>
10							(7.0 FTE)
11	Security for Space						
12	Command Facility at						
13	Greeley	390,000					390,000(I) <sup>a</sup>
14							(6.0 FTE)
15		4,254,536					



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1	<b>TOTALS PART XIV</b>						
2	<b>(MILITARY AND</b>						
3	<b>VETERANS AFFAIRS)</b>	\$159,326,002	\$17,452,411		\$2,573,123	5,026,042 <sup>a</sup>	\$134,274,426 <sup>b</sup>
4		\$159,305,415	\$17,584,161		\$2,574,559		\$134,120,653 <sup>b</sup>
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6     <sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$25,000 contains an (I) notation.

7     <sup>b</sup> This amount contains an (I) notation.

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9     **FOOTNOTES** -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

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11     74     Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Executive Director and Army National Guard, Personal Services; Operating Expenses; Vehicle Lease Payments;  
12             Army National Guard Cooperative Agreement -- In addition to the transfer authority provided in Section 24-75-108, C.R.S., the Department is authorized  
13             to transfer up to 20.0 percent of the total General Fund appropriations in these line items between these line items. Transfers to or from the Vehicle Lease  
14             Payments line item may be used solely to address changes in the portion of costs covered by federal authorities for vehicle lease payments.

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\$			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	75	Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Veterans Affairs, Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund Expenditures -- This appropriation remains						
2		available for expenditure until the close of the 2025-26 state fiscal year.						

1           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
2       determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
3       preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
4       the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
5       institutions.