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Seventy-first General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 17-0911.01 Richard Sweetman x4333

**SENATE BILL 17-183**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Gardner,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**Senate Committees**

Local Government  
Appropriations

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY**  
102               **AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO MAKE GRANTS RELATED TO THE USS**  
103               **COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
104               **APPROPRIATION.**

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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>.)*

The bill requires the department of military and veterans affairs to make grants to support the USS Colorado, a soon-to-be commissioned nuclear attack submarine, in order to:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

- ! Pay for expenses related to the commissioning of the USS Colorado;
- ! Promote awareness of the USS Colorado within the state; and
- ! Support the crew.

For the 2017-18 fiscal year, \$200,000 is appropriated to the department of military and veterans affairs to make these grants.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 4.7 to title  
3 28 as follows:

4   **ARTICLE 4.7**

5   **USS Colorado**

6           **28-4.7-101. Grants to support USS Colorado - legislative**  
7 **declaration - repeal.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND  
8 DECLARES THAT:

9           (a) THE USS COLORADO IS A NUCLEAR ATTACK SUBMARINE  
10 CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND EXPECTED TO BE COMMISSIONED  
11 IN 2017;

12           (b) BECAUSE THE COMMISSIONING OF A NAVAL VESSEL MARKS THE  
13 POINT WHEN THE VESSEL BECOMES AN ACTIVE SHIP OF THE UNITED STATES  
14 NAVY, IT SERVES AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CEREMONIAL  
15 MILESTONES IN THE LIFE OF THE SHIP;

16           (c) IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR THE STATE AND ITS CITIZENS TO HAVE  
17 A NAVY CAPITAL SHIP NAMED AFTER THE STATE; AND

18           (d) SUPPORTING THE USS COLORADO WITH GRANTS TO BE USED  
19 FOR COMMISSIONING EXPENSES, UPGRADES TO THE SUBMARINE, AND  
20 SUPPORT FOR THE CREW SERVES AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC PURPOSE.

21           (2) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL MAKE GRANTS RELATED TO THE

1 USS COLORADO TO:

2 (a) PAY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE COMMISSIONING OF THE  
3 USS COLORADO;

4 (b) PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE USS COLORADO WITHIN THE  
5 STATE; AND

6 (c) SUPPORT THE CREW.

7 (3) THIS ARTICLE 4.7 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

8 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,  
9 \$100,000 is appropriated to the department of military and veterans  
10 affairs. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this  
11 act, the department may use this appropriation to make grants related to  
12 the USS Colorado.

13 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2017.

14 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.