

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2007

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1317-1320 of the Senate Journal and pages 1372-1376 of the House Journal and that Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 2007 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, replace the second "and" with "to provide legislative intent;"

Page 1, line 2, after "exemption" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, replace lines 14 and 15 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$13,916,861	\$1,958,006	\$15,874,867
Accrued leave payments	0	458,196	458,196
Operating expenses	5,942,285	(533,435)	5,408,850"

Page 1, replace lines 19 through 22 with:

"Total all funds	\$20,896,646	\$3,255,507	\$24,152,153
Less estimated income	<u>15,343,323</u>	<u>1,086,477</u>	<u>16,429,800</u>
Total general fund	\$5,553,323	\$2,169,030	\$7,722,353
Full-time equivalent positions	120.72	0.00	120.72"

Page 2, replace lines 3 and 4 with:

"Veterans' affairs	\$1,099,626	\$225,954	\$1,325,580
Transport vans	0	30,000	30,000
Accrued leave payments	0	<u>10,123</u>	<u>10,123</u>
Total general fund	\$1,099,626	\$266,077	\$1,365,703"

Page 2, replace lines 10 through 12 with:

"Grand total general fund	\$6,652,949	\$2,435,107	\$9,088,056
Grand total special funds	<u>15,343,323</u>	<u>1,086,477</u>	<u>16,429,800</u>
Grand total all funds	\$21,996,272	\$3,521,584	\$25,517,856"

Page 2, replace lines 19 through 21 with:

"Veterans' home			
Demolition of old veterans' home		\$0	\$1,121,000
Shop addition		0	788,200
Department of veterans' affairs			"

Page 2, replace line 25 with:

"Vans	50,000	30,000"
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Page 2, replace lines 27 through 29 with:

"Total all funds	\$317,593	\$1,954,200
Less estimated income	0	<u>1,348,700</u>
Total general fund	\$317,593	\$605,500"

Page 3, after line 2, insert:

"SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - VETERANS' HOME ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM PROJECT FUNDING. The unexpended amount remaining from the appropriation for a veterans' home electronic health record system in chapter 35 of the 2009 Session Laws which was continued into the 2011-13 biennium under section 54-44.1-11 is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 at the end of the 2011-13 biennium and may be continued into the 2013-15 biennium for paying expenses of the veterans' home electronic health record system project."

Page 3, after line 8, insert:

"SECTION 5. FUNDING TRANSFER - EXCEPTION - AUTHORIZATION. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the veterans' home may transfer up to \$170,000 from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013. The veterans' home shall notify the office of management and budget of any transfer made pursuant to this section."

Page 3, line 9, remove **"ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION -"**

Page 3, line 10, replace **"BUDGET SECTION APPROVAL"** with **"MELVIN NORGARD MEMORIAL FUND"**

Page 3, line 12, remove ", subject to budget section approval,"

Page 3, line 13, remove ". Any additional"

Page 3, remove lines 14 and 15

Page 3, line 16, replace "or for other projects benefiting veterans for" with "during"

Page 3, after line 17, insert:

"SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - 2015-17 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION BILL. It is the intent of the sixty-third legislative assembly that the governor include the recommended funding for the department of veterans' affairs in a separate draft appropriations act for introduction to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - TRANSPORT VAN REPLACEMENT PLAN. It is the intent of the sixty-third legislative assembly that the department of veterans' affairs prepare and provide a transport van replacement plan to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly and introduce legislation seeking state funding for the replacement of transport vans based on the plan.

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY. Section 5 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2007 - Summary of Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Veterans' Home						

Total all funds	\$23,861,920	\$24,657,607	(\$505,454)	\$24,152,153	\$23,183,743	\$968,410
Less estimated income	15,773,626	16,561,826	(132,026)	16,429,800	15,826,211	603,589
General fund	\$8,088,294	\$8,095,781	(\$373,428)	\$7,722,353	\$7,357,532	\$364,821
Department of Veterans' Affairs						
Total all funds	\$1,343,167	\$1,347,673	\$18,030	\$1,365,703	\$1,316,892	\$48,811
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$1,343,167	\$1,347,673	\$18,030	\$1,365,703	\$1,316,892	\$48,811
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$25,205,087	\$26,005,280	(\$487,424)	\$25,517,856	\$24,500,635	\$1,017,221
Less estimated income	15,773,626	16,561,826	(132,026)	16,429,800	15,826,211	603,589
General fund	\$9,431,461	\$9,443,454	(\$355,398)	\$9,088,056	\$8,674,424	\$413,632

Senate Bill No. 2007 - Veterans' Home - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$16,781,030	\$16,788,517	(\$913,650)	\$15,874,867	\$14,956,457	\$918,410
Operating expenses	5,458,850	5,458,850	(50,000)	5,408,850	5,358,850	50,000
Capital assets	1,622,040	1,622,040		1,622,040	1,622,040	
Shop addition		788,200		788,200	788,200	
Accrued leave payments			458,196	458,196	458,196	
Total all funds	\$23,861,920	\$24,657,607	(\$505,454)	\$24,152,153	\$23,183,743	\$968,410
Less estimated income	15,773,626	16,561,826	(132,026)	16,429,800	15,826,211	603,589
General fund	\$8,088,294	\$8,095,781	(\$373,428)	\$7,722,353	\$7,357,532	\$364,821
FTE	120.72	120.72	0.00	120.72	116.72	4.00

Department No. 313 - Veterans' Home - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts State Employee Compensation and Benefits Package ¹	Provides Separate Line Item for Accrued Leave Payments ²	Decreases Funding for Operating Expenses ³	Removes Funding for Hay Group Plan ⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$323,428)	(\$458,196)		(\$132,026)	(\$913,650)
Operating expenses			(50,000)		(50,000)
Capital assets					
Shop addition					
Accrued leave payments		458,196			458,196
Total all funds	(\$323,428)	\$0	(\$50,000)	(\$132,026)	(\$505,454)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	(132,026)	(132,026)
General fund	(\$323,428)	\$0	(\$50,000)	\$0	(\$373,428)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ This amendment adjusts the state employee compensation and benefits package as follows:

- Reduces the performance component from 3 to 5 percent per year to 3 to 5 percent for the first year of the biennium and 2 to 4 percent for the second year of the biennium.
- Reduces the market component from 2 to 4 percent per year to 1 to 2 percent per year for employees below the midpoint of their salary range.
- Reduces funding for retirement contribution increases to provide for a 1 percent state and 1 percent employee increase beginning in January 2014 and no increase in January 2015.

² A portion of salaries and wages funding from the general fund (\$177,368) and from other funds (\$280,828) for permanent employees' compensation and benefits is reallocated to an accrued leave payments line item for paying annual leave and sick leave for eligible employees.

³ Operating expenses are decreased by \$50,000. The House reduced operating expenses \$100,000, but

the Senate did not change the executive recommendation for operating expenses.

⁴ Funding provided in the executive recommendation and approved by the Senate of \$432,026 for pay grade changes resulting from the implementation of the Hay Group plan is reduced to provide \$300,000 for pay grade changes. The House removed this funding.

The Conference Committee restored the 4 FTE resident living specialist positions and related funding removed by the House.

A section is added to the bill to allow the Veterans' Home to transfer \$170,000 from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item during the 2011-13 biennium to provide for a shift from contract nursing services to temporary nursing positions, the same as the House version. A section is also added to provide the transfer is an emergency measure.

A section is added to the bill to allow the Veterans' Home to continue into the 2013-15 biennium funds appropriated for an electronic health record system in 2009 and continued into the 2011-13 biennium. The Veterans' Home anticipates continuing the total amount provided of \$98,400 for the electronic health record system into the 2013-15 biennium. This provision was not included in the House or Senate version.

The section related to the shop addition project added by the Senate is amended to remove the requirement that the Veterans' Home seek Budget Section approval prior to beginning the project if funds are sufficient to provide for all costs of the project and to remove the appropriation of additional income in the Melvin Norgard memorial fund for costs related to furnishing and equipping the shop or for other projects, the same as the House.

A section is added to the bill to provide legislative intent that the Office of Management and Budget present separate budget bills for the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Veterans' Home for the 2015 legislative session rather than a combined funding bill, the same as the House version.

Senate Bill No. 2007 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Veterans' affairs	\$1,343,167	\$1,347,673	(\$22,093)	\$1,325,580	\$1,306,769	\$18,811
Accrued leave payments			10,123	10,123	10,123	
Transport Vans			30,000	30,000		30,000
Total all funds	\$1,343,167	\$1,347,673	\$18,030	\$1,365,703	\$1,316,892	\$48,811
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$1,343,167	\$1,347,673	\$18,030	\$1,365,703	\$1,316,892	\$48,811
FTE	8.00	8.00	0.00	8.00	8.00	0.00

Department No. 321 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts State Employee Compensation and Benefits Package ¹	Provides Separate Line Item for Accrued Leave Payments ²	Adds Funding for Stand Down Events ³	Adds One-time Funding to Purchase Vans ⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Veterans' affairs	(\$21,970)	(\$10,123)	\$10,000		(\$22,093)
Accrued leave payments		10,123			10,123
Transport Vans				30,000	30,000
Total all funds	(\$21,970)	\$0	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$18,030
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	(\$21,970)	\$0	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$18,030

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- Reduces the market component from 2 to 4 percent per year to 1 to 2 percent per year for employees below the midpoint of their salary range.
- Reduces funding for retirement contribution increases to provide for a 1 percent state and 1 percent employee increase beginning in January 2014 and no increase in January 2015.

² A portion of salaries and wages funding from the general fund for permanent employees' compensation and benefits is reallocated to an accrued leave payments line item for paying annual leave and sick leave for eligible employees.

³ Funding is added for two stand down events, the same as the House version. This funding was not included in the executive recommendation nor the Senate version.

⁴ One-time funding is added to purchase two vans to transport veterans. This funding was not included in the executive recommendation nor in the House or Senate versions of the bill.

A section is added to the bill to provide legislative intent that the Office of Management and Budget present separate budget bills for the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Veterans' Home for the 2015 legislative session rather than a combined funding bill, the same as the House version.

A section is added to provide legislative intent that the Department of Veterans' Affairs prepare and provide a transport van replacement plan to the 64th Legislative Assembly and introduce legislation seeking state funding for the replacement of transport vans based on the plan.