

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2025

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 19 with:

"Veterans' affairs	\$1,379,982	(\$211,967)	\$1,168,015
Agent orange	50,000	(50,000)	0
State approving agency	288,018	(16,020)	271,998
Grants - transportation program	0	1,719,520	1,719,520
Transport vans	<u>0</u>	<u>37,200</u>	<u>37,200</u>
Total all funds	\$1,718,000	\$1,478,733	\$3,196,733
Less estimated income	<u>288,018</u>	<u>1,803,553</u>	<u>2,091,571</u>
Total general fund	\$1,429,982	(\$324,820)	\$1,105,162
Full-time equivalent positions	9.00	(2.00)	7.00

SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASES. The salaries and wages line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$18,581, of which \$15,431 is from the general fund, for increases in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,241 per month."

Page 1, remove line 23

Page 2, replace lines 1 and 2 with:

"Service dogs	\$50,000	\$0
Desktop support hardware	26,895	0
Transport vans	<u>0</u>	<u>18,600</u>
Total general fund	\$76,895	\$18,600

The 2017-19 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2019-21 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019."

Page 2, line 5, replace "\$50,000" with "\$25,000"

Page 2, line 6, replace "four" with "two"

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2025 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Veterans' affairs	\$1,379,982	\$1,314,224	(\$146,209)	\$1,168,015
State approving agency	288,018	272,240	(242)	271,998
Agent orange	50,000			
Grants - transportation program		1,719,520		1,719,520
Service Dogs		50,000	(25,000)	25,000
Transport vans			37,200	37,200
Total all funds	\$1,718,000	\$3,355,984	(\$134,251)	\$3,221,733
Less estimated income	<u>288,018</u>	<u>2,091,817</u>	<u>(246)</u>	<u>2,091,571</u>
General fund	\$1,429,982	\$1,264,167	(\$134,005)	\$1,130,162

FTE 9.00 8.00 (1.00) 7.00

Department No. 321 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Increases ¹	Removes 1 FTE Position ²	Adjusts Funding for Service Dogs ³	Adjusts Funding for Transport Vans ⁴	Adds One-Time Funding for Transport Vans ⁵	Total House Changes
Veterans' affairs	(\$1,209)	(\$130,000)		(\$15,000)		(\$146,209)
State approving agency	(242)					(242)
Agent orange						
Grants - transportation program						
Service Dogs			(25,000)			(25,000)
Transport vans				18,600	18,600	37,200
Total all funds	(\$1,451)	(\$130,000)	(\$25,000)	\$3,600	\$18,600	(\$134,251)
Less estimated income	(246)	0	0	0	0	(246)
General fund	(\$1,205)	(\$130,000)	(\$25,000)	\$3,600	\$18,600	(\$134,005)
FTE	0.00	(1.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)

¹ Funding for employee health insurance is adjusted to reflect the updated premium amount of \$1,241 per month.

² Funding for 1 FTE position and related funding is removed. The Senate also removed 1 FTE position, resulting in a total of 2 FTE positions removed from the base budget.

³ Funding for service dogs training is reduced by \$25,000 from the general fund, to provide a total of \$25,000 for training up to two service dogs to assist North Dakota veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder. The Senate provided \$50,000 to train up to four service dogs. Section 4 is also adjusted to reflect this revised amount.

⁴ Funding of \$15,000 from the general fund is moved from the veterans' affairs line item to a transport vans line item. An additional \$3,600 is also added from the general fund to the transport vans line item.

⁵ One-time funding of \$18,600 is added from the general fund for transport vans, resulting in total funding of \$37,200 for transport vans. The cost to purchase a transport van is approximately \$18,600. As amended by the House, the Department of Veterans' Affairs would have authority to purchase two transport vans during the 2017-19 biennium, using \$18,600 of ongoing funding and \$18,600 of one-time funding. The Senate approved funding of \$15,000 for transport vans.

This amendment also adds a section to identify the amount of funding included in the bill for the increase in employee health insurance premiums.