

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Omnibus Motion

Motion:

Move to incorporate the following items into the substitute amendment.

1. *General Fund Transfer to Support Operations of the State Veterans Homes (Paper # 810)*. Adopt Alternative 2, which would transfer \$5,000,000 from the general fund in 2025-26 to the program revenue appropriation account for the state veterans homes and modify the statutory authorization for the appropriation to reflect the receipt of the transfer.
2. *Veterans Transportation Grants to Counties (Page 721, #9)*. Provide \$75,000 SEG annually to increase funding for grants to counties for providing transportation to medical facilities for veterans.
3. *Wisconsin Commission for The United States Semiquincentennial Commission (Page 722, #10)*. Provide \$82,000 GPR annually and 1.0 GPR project position, beginning in 2025-26, to perform duties related to the Wisconsin Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Commission.
4. *Veterans Service Office Grants (Page 722, #11)*. Provide \$64,600 SEG annually to provide a 5% increase for grants to county and tribal veterans service offices, rounded to the nearest \$100. Increase the statutory annual grant amounts for county veteran service offices, to reflect the proposed changes, as follows: (a) for counties with a population of less than 20,000, from \$11,688 to \$12,300; (b) for counties with a population of 20,000 to 45,499, from \$13,750 to \$14,400; (c) for counties with a population of 45,500 to 74,999, from \$15,813 to \$16,600; and (d) for counties with a population of 75,000 or more, from \$17,875 to \$18,800. Repeal a provision that specifies that the grant for a county with a part-time veteran service officer is \$550, so that the grant for any such county would be determined in the same manner as counties with a full-time veteran service office, based on population. Increase the maximum annual grant made to tribal veteran service offices from \$20,625 to \$21,700.
5. *Camp American Legion (Page 722, #12)*. Provide \$25,000 SEG annually to increase, from \$75,000 to \$100,000, the amount of a grant that DVA makes to the American Legion to support Camp American Legion, and increase the statutory grant requirement accordingly.

6. *Segregated Appropriation Adjustments (Page 723, #15).* Adjust several SEG appropriations, with a net effect of reducing SEG funding by \$168,100 annually, as shown in the following table.

<u>SEG Appropriation</u>	<u>Annual Adjustment</u>
Cemetery administration and maintenance	\$120,000
Veterans housing and recovery program	100,000
Department facilities	50,000
Operation of the veterans museum	32,800
Administration of loans and aids to veterans	30,000
Museum facilities	-2,800
Retraining grant program	-10,000
Cemetery energy costs	-21,300
Loan expenses	-30,000
Veterans museum sales	-30,000
Veterans tuition reimbursement program	-186,800
Veterans assistance grants	<u>-220,000</u>
Total	-\$168,100

7. *Program Revenue Funding Adjustments (Page 724, #16).* Adjust several PR appropriations, with a net effect of reducing PR funding by \$141,700 annually, as shown in the following table.

<u>Program Revenue Appropriation</u>	<u>Annual Adjustment</u>
State Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls	\$2,044,600
State Veterans Home at King	-2,197,500
Housing Maintenance	-44,000
King Home Exchange (Shop)	-69,800
Chippewa Falls Gifts and Bequests	25,000
Cemeteries Gifts and Bequests	<u>100,000</u>
Total	-\$141,700

8. *Grant for Veterans Community Project of Milwaukee.* Provide \$2,500,000 GPR in 2025-26 in a new appropriation for making a grant to a nonprofit organization that provides housing and comprehensive support services to veterans. Require DVA to make a grant from this appropriation to the Veterans Community Project of Milwaukee from this appropriation in 2025-26. Repeal the appropriation on July 1, 2026.

9. *Flag Poles Installation for Veterans Homes.* Provide \$100,000 PR in 2025-26 for the cost of installing three flag poles each at the King and Union Grove veterans homes. Transfer \$100,000 from the general fund to the PR appropriation for state veterans homes to support the cost of the installation.

10. *Delete Vacant Positions.* Delete 226.7 vacant PR positions annually, with associated expenditure authority of \$16,157,800 PR annually in the state veterans homes appropriation, to reflect the elimination of positions that the Department indicates are in excess of the number needed to staff the number of licensed beds at the homes.

11. *Veterans Trust Fund -- GPR Supplement Estimate (Page 719, #3).* Increase estimated funding for the sum sufficient appropriation for making a transfer from the general fund to the veterans trust fund by \$397,400 annually to reflect the impact veterans trust fund appropriation expenditures under this motion.

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[Change to Base: -\$13,123,600 (\$3,079,400 GPR, -\$16,199,500 PR, -\$3,500 SEG), \$5,100,000 GPR-transfer, and -225.7 positions (1.0 GPR and -\$226.7 PR) for 2025-26; and -\$15,723,600 (\$579,400 GPR, -\$16,299,500 PR, and -\$3,500 SEG) and -225.7 positions (1.0 GPR and -226.7 PR) for 2026-27]