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**SENATE BILL 17-183** 

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO MAKE GRANTS RELATED TO THE USS COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

### **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

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:

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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.

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 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

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL MAKE GRANTS RELATED TO THE

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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	<b>SECTION 2. Appropriation.</b> 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	<b>SECTION 3.</b> 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.

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