

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee**

Concerning tuition waivers for members of the Colorado National Guard, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

---

**Prime Sponsors:**

Senators Bridges; Kirkmeyer  
Representatives Bird; Taggart

**Date Prepared:**

March 31, 2025

**JBC Analyst:**

Jon Catlett  
303-866-4386

**Fiscal Impacts**

---

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

**Fiscal Note Status**

---

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/31/2025.

**No Change:** Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

**Amendments in This Packet**

---

None.

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause appropriating \$562,787 General Fund to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**L.001**

Bill Sponsor Amendment **L.001** (attached) adds technical, clarifying language to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that this amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

## Points to Consider

---

### General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2025-26 budget package \$562,787 General Fund to be appropriated for implementation of this bill.

### Technical Issues

The fiscal note indicates a cost for the tuition waiver program in FY 2026-27, estimated at \$1.8 million per year. This total includes \$1.2 million that is already appropriated for the current DMVA tuition assistance program in the FY 2025-26 Long Bill, along with an additional \$563,000 increase in appropriations proposed in this tuition waiver bill. It is expected that spending on the program will necessitate approximately the same level in FY 2026-27 as FY 2025-26, and future increases in enrollment or tuition will be addressed during the annual budget process.