
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5298

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTS TO PLACE OR MAINTAIN WAR OR VETERANS' MEMORIALS OR MONUMENTS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), starting FY 28, to administer a grant program for municipalities and nonprofits providing human or social services for capital expenditure projects to place or maintain war or veterans' memorials or monuments. It authorizes up to \$2 million in state general obligation bonds and requires DVA to use the proceeds for the grant program the bill establishes. The bonds are subject to standard statutory bond issuance procedures and repayment requirements.

By January 1, 2027, DVA must (1) develop (a) eligibility criteria for selecting among grant applicants and (b) related application forms and deadlines, and (2) conspicuously post this information on its website.

The bill also requires DVA, starting by January 1, 2028, to annually report to the Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee with information for the preceding calendar year on the number of grant applications received, the number of grants awarded, and a list of the municipalities and nonprofits that received grants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/10/2026)