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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Hartsook; Ortiz Sen. Zenzinger; Rich	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: VETERANS' CEMETERY CDPS GIFTS GRANTS DONATIONS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill adjusts the authority of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Department of Public Safety to receive and spend gifts, grants, and donations. The bill potentially increases state revenue and expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill makes two changes to the authority of state agencies regarding the receipt of gifts, grants, and donations, as outlined below.

- First, the bill gives spending authority to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) for gifts, grants, and donations to the Western Slope Veterans' Cemetery Fund. Current law allows the DMVA to receive these donations, but not to spend them.
- Second, the bill creates the general purpose Gifts, Grants, and Donations Fund in the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The new fund, subject to annual appropriation, receives grants and donations not dedicated to some other fund.

State Revenue

Beginning in FY 2023-24, the bill potentially increases state revenue to the Gifts, Grants, and Donations Fund in the DPS. As of this writing, no sources of this revenue has been identified. State revenue from grants and donations are exempt from TABOR revenue limits.

State Expenditures

The bill may increase spending of grants, and donations by the DMVA and the DPS. These impacts are described below.

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Beginning in FY 2023-24, the bill potentially increases spending by the DMVA from the Western Slope Veterans' Cemetery Fund. Currently, the fund receives about \$50,000 per year in private donations. For informational purposes, the Western Slope Veterans Cemetery is appropriated \$454,714 and 5.5 FTE for FY 2022-23, including \$204,828 from the General Fund and \$249,886 from the Western Slope Veterans' Cemetery Fund. Cash fund appropriations are primarily supported by burial reimbursements from the federal government.

Department of Public Safety. Beginning in FY 2023-24, the bill potentially increases state expenditures from the newly created cash fund.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 10, 2023.

State and Local Government Contacts

Military Affairs

Public Safety