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SB17-212

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

Drafting Number: LLS 17-0310
Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Crowder
Rep. Weissman

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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BILL TOPIC: SUNSET BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2017-2018 | FY 2018-2019 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | <u>\$7,500</u> | <u>\$7,500</u> |
| <i>Continuing Expenditures</i> | | |
| Cash Funds | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Appropriation Required: None. | | |
| Future Year Impacts: Continuation of current expenditures. | | |

Summary of Legislation

The bill implements the recommendations contained in the Department of Regulatory Agencies' sunset report on the Board of Veterans Affairs and eliminates the repeal date of the board, continuing it indefinitely.

Background

The Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs is a seven-member board housed in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and all members must be honorably discharged veterans of military service. The board acts in an advisory capacity to the state regarding veterans affairs and reviews. Additionally, the board reviews grant applications for the Veterans Trust Fund (VTF) and recommends approval of VTF funds through a competitive grant process. In FY 2015-16, the board approved \$832,930 in grants from the VTF.

State Expenditures

By continuing the Board of Veterans Affairs, the bill will increase state cash fund expenditures in the Department of Military Affairs by \$7,500 per year beginning in FY 2017-18 to reimburse board members for travel and other expenses. These costs represent a continuation of the current expenses incurred by the board. Funding for these expenses is included in the department's base budget request for FY 2017-18, so no appropriation is required.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 1, 2017.

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