

# **Veteran Service Organizations, Funds, and Reports Bill Senate File 2466**

Last Action:  
**Senate Appropriations  
Committee**  
March 4, 2026

Executive Summary Only

**An Act relating to veterans services and making appropriations.**

**Fiscal Services Division  
Legislative Services Agency**

## **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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**FUNDING SUMMARY**

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Raises the threshold for the Veterans Trust Fund from \$50.0 million to \$75.0 million and removes requirements regarding the Iowa Lottery transfer established in Iowa Code section [99G.39\(3\)](#). Page 2, Line 18

Modifies the \$300,000 transferred annually from the Iowa Lottery Transfer established in Iowa Code section 99G.39(3) from being transferred to the commission of veteran affairs training program to the County Veterans Services Excellence Training Program and Administration Account of the County Veterans Services Excellence Fund established in Iowa Code section [35A.16](#). Page 3, Line 23

Modifies the appropriation from the General Fund of \$990,000 from being directed to the County Commissions of Veteran Affairs Fund to direct it to the County Veterans Services Excellence Fund. Page 4, Line 12

Establishes that interest or earnings on moneys in the County Veterans Services Excellence Fund are credited to the Fund and do not revert to the General Fund at the close of a given fiscal year. Page 4, Line 18

Requires the continuation of the \$2.5 million Iowa Lottery transfer established in Iowa Code section 99G.39(3) unless the balance of the Veterans Trust Fund is equal to or greater than \$75.0 million at the beginning of the fiscal year. If the balance of the Fund is greater than \$75.0 million, the transfer is directed to the DVA for distribution, with \$300,000 transferred to the County Veterans Services Excellence Training Program and Administration Account and the remainder allocated to county directors of veteran affairs. Page 6, Line 25

**STUDIES AND INTENT**

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***Intent***

Establishes that the provisions of Iowa Code relating to veterans and veterans services do not limit the ability of a veterans service organization (VSO) to represent a veteran in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs benefit claims process or to be granted the power of attorney for a veteran. Page 1, Line 1

***Required Reports***

Requires the DVA to communicate veterans service office performance measures to county commissions of veteran affairs and boards of supervisors through quarterly reports. Page 2, Line 15

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, FUNDS, AND REPORTS BILL

Requires county commissions of veteran affairs to review quarterly performance reports provided by the DVA to assess the effectiveness of delivery of federal benefits.

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### SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES

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Directs all moneys received by the DVA under Iowa Code section [35A.5\(6\)\(b\)](#) to be deposited in the Veterans Services Excellence Training Program and Administration Account.

Page 1, Line 12

Requires the DVA to establish and maintain a statewide standardized electronic claim system to be used by county veterans services offices for submission of veterans affairs claims.

Page 2, Line 9

Renames the County Commission of Veteran Affairs Fund to the County Veterans Services Excellence Fund and directs moneys to the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to incentivize counties to increase veterans outreach and efficiency in the application for individual federal veteran compensation.

Page 3, Line 33

Directs the DVA to equally allocate moneys in the County Veterans Services Excellence Fund to qualifying counties for FY 2027. For FY 2028 and subsequent fiscal years, the DVA will allocate moneys based on performance criteria determined by the DVA.

Page 4, Line 24

Renames the County Commission of Veteran Affairs Training Program Account to the County Veterans Services Excellence Training Program and Administration Account. Establishes that moneys in the account will be appropriated to the DVA to provide trainings and support for county commissions of veteran affairs, including a statewide standardized electronic claim system.

Page 5, Line 17

Requires county commissions of veteran affairs to utilize the statewide standardized electronic claim system to file all claims for United States Department of Veterans Affairs benefits.

Page 6, Line 4

Senate File 2466 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.

Page #	Line #	Bill Section	Action	Code Section
1	1	1	New	35.4
1	12	2	Amend	35A.5.6.b.(2)
1	19	3	Amend	35A.5.9
2	9	4	Add	35A.5.16A,16B
2	18	5	Amend	35A.13.5
3	23	6	Amend	35A.13.6
3	33	7	Amend	35A.16
6	4	8	Add	35B.6.1.d.(4)
6	10	9	Amend	35B.7
6	25	10	Amend	99G.39.3

## Health and Human Services General Fund

	Actual FY 2025 (1)	Estimated FY 2026 (2)	Senate Approp FY 2027 (3)	Sen Appr FY27 vs Est FY 2026 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
<b><u>Veterans Affairs, Department of</u></b>					
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Veterans County Grants - Standing	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 0	PG 4 LN 12
<b>Total Veterans Affairs, Department of</b>	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 0	
<b>Total Health and Human Services</b>	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 0	