

**UPDATED SUMMARY
SENATE BILL 14-157**

Second Regular Session - Sixty-ninth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

The department of military and veterans affairs (department) is required, not later than August 1, 2014, to solicit proposals through a request for proposals from prospective contractors interested in preparing a comprehensive written report (report) assessing the overall strengths and advantages of the state of Colorado in meeting the strategic objectives of the department of defense (DoD).

The bill requires the selected contractor to consolidate its analysis into a report supported by independently derived and verified information to be used as a tool for demonstrating to policymakers how military mission and defense industry retention and expansion and defense spending and investment in Colorado best serves DoD from the standpoint of both national security and cost effectiveness. The bill specifies the matters the report is required to analyze.

The bill sets forth minimum qualifications for the contractor to include in the request for proposals and also specifies minimum qualifications the contractor must possess.

Not later than October 1, 2014, the department is required to accept a proposal submitted by a particular contractor and award to the contractor whose proposal it accepts a fully executed contract to prepare the report.

In completing the report, the bill permits the contractor whose proposal is selected to enter into a contract with one or more individuals or entities as necessary to fulfill any portion of the work required under the contract.

The bill obligates the contractor to complete the report not later than April 15, 2015.

The bill exempts the department from the state procurement code in issuing a request for proposals, selecting a contractor, executing the contract, or performing its other duties under the bill.

The bill directs the department, in consultation with the office of economic development, to prepare the request for proposals, select the contractor, and perform all other duties delegated to the department under the bill.

The bill creates in the state treasury the comprehensive report on the value of United States military activities fund. The bill specifies the source of moneys that will comprise the fund.

For the 2014-2015 state fiscal year, the bill decreases the general fund appropriation made in the annual general appropriation bill to the controlled maintenance trust fund by \$300,000. The bill appropriates the same sum from the general fund to the comprehensive report on the value of United States military activities fund and further appropriates this sum to the department for the implementation of the bill.

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