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SCH VIIIIB-2			
REDUCTIONS			
POS	AMOUNT		CODES
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF			50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS			50100000
<u>VETERANS' HOMES</u>			50100100
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			13
<u>LONG-TERM CARE</u>			<u>1303.00.00.00</u>
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS			33V0000
STATE VETERANS' HOMES PROGRAM			
REDUCTIONS			33V0100
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES			030000
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE 645,505-		2516 1
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EXPENSES			040000
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE 1,736,995-		2516 1
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OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY			060000
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE 9,399-		2516 1
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FOOD PRODUCTS			070000
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE 191,586-		2516 1
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SPECIAL CATEGORIES			100000
CONTRACTED SERVICES			100777
OPERATIONS AND MAINT TF	-STATE 287,126-		2516 1
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TOTAL: STATE VETERANS' HOMES PROGRAM			33V0100
REDUCTIONS			
TOTAL ISSUE.....	2,870,611-		
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:  
 SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 15-16 NARRATIVE:  
 POSSIBLE BUDGET REDUCTIONS  
 PRIORITY 01

IT COMPONENT? NO

Issue Reduction: State Veterans' Homes Program (50100100)  
 Issue Code: 33V0100

The State Veterans' Homes Program (Homes Program) provides high quality long-term health care services to eligible

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PROGRAM REDUCTIONS		33V0000
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REDUCTIONS		33V0100

Florida veterans. The Homes Program is self-supporting, not currently requiring General Revenue to support its operations. Revenue to sustain the operations is generated from the reimbursement for the care provided to our veteran residents.

A reduction of \$2,870,611 in the funding authority of the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund would result in an equal reduction in the services provided to our residents. Such reduction would impact the ability of the facilities to operate in compliance with state and federal mandates. The long-term health care services are mainly provided by permanent personnel; however, due to the required, around the clock, long term care provided to our veteran residents the use of Other Personnel Services (OPS) is crucial to ensure compliance with the state mandated minimum nurse-staffing ratio. A reduction in the OPS budget authority would leave the Homes Program unable to provide quality long term care to our veteran residents.

The occupancy in the State Veterans Homes has increased during the last years from overall 93% in Fiscal Year 2009-10 to currently higher than 99%. Higher occupancy in the facilities results in increased needs of goods and services to support resident care. Any reduction in the OPS (030000), Expense (040000), OCO (060000) Food (070000), and Special Category - Contracted Services (100777) categories would negatively impact the ability of the facilities to provide basic daily needs to our veteran residents thus increasing the exposure to risks and non-compliance of the Homes Program. Reductions will severely affect the quality of life for the veterans in our homes.

There is no sub-program or component of this operational entity that can be eliminated; the reductions must be taken from existing operations. Any reductions to the limited funding of the Homes Program could have dire consequences to our veteran residents. The Department requests the exclusion of the Homes Program from the 5% reduction consideration of Schedule VII-B-2 - 5%.

Proposed Reduction Totals:			
Code	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
030000	OPS	2516	-\$645,505
040000	Expense	2516	-1,736,995
060000	OCO	2516	-9,399
070000	Food	2516	-191,586
100777	SC-Contracted Service	2516	-287,126
TOTAL:			\$-2,870,611

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<u>VETERANS' HOMES</u>		50100100
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		13
<u>LONG-TERM CARE</u>		<u>1303.00.00.00</u>
TOTAL: LONG-TERM CARE		<u>1303.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE		
TRUST FUNDS.....	2,870,611-	2000
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF			50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS			50100000
<u>EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS</u>			50100400
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT			16
<u>EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC</u>			<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
MANAGEMENT REDUCTIONS			33G0000
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES			030000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	3,197-	1000 1
		=====	
EXPENSES			040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	98,356-	1000 1
		=====	
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY			060000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	11,871-	1000 1
		=====	
SPECIAL CATEGORIES			100000
CONTRACTED SERVICES			100777
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	66,883-	1000 1
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TOTAL: MANAGEMENT REDUCTIONS			33G0000
TOTAL ISSUE.....		180,307-	
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

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 POSSIBLE BUDGET REDUCTIONS  
 PRIORITY 03

Issue Reduction: Executive Direction and Support Services (50100400)  
 Issue Code: 33G0000

A General Revenue reduction of \$180,307 in the Executive Direction and Support Services (EDSS) would require significant reductions in the level of support and oversight provided to the State Veterans' Homes Program and Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance. Personnel, Fiscal, Budgeting, Purchasing, Planning, Auditing, and Information Technology support would have to be decreased due to insufficient budget to support day-to-day operations, lease payments for headquarters building, travel for on-site monitoring of Homes, and business, contracted services, and support of the unique operating systems and associated software used by the Homes Program and the Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance. EDSS currently operates on a bare bones level and a decrease of this magnitude would have a negative impact to the veterans we serve.

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PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS		50100000
<u>EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS</u>		50100400
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT		16
<u>EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC</u>		<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
MANAGEMENT REDUCTIONS		33G0000

The reduction in the Expense category would represent a 14.7% reduction of authorized expense. A reduction in workforce would be the department's only option. Currently, EDSS is limited to 2.5% of the Department's total workforce. Further decreases will negatively impact the support provided to our two service areas. Therefore, fewer veterans will receive the benefits they have earned and the quality of long-term care services will be jeopardized.

The Department understands the State's direction to eliminate unproductive or redundant programs in this reduction exercise. In a larger department that would be sensible. Veterans' Affairs, however, only has two program components, and those components are the very core of the department's existence. We cannot eliminate a program wholesale, support for EDSS is already minimal. We request the exclusion of EDSS from the 5% reduction consideration of Schedule VII-B-2 - 5%. Fiscal Budget Entity and Human Resource margins are too small to absorb such a reduction without operational consequences.

Proposed Reduction Totals:

Code	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
030000	OPS	1000	-\$3,197
040000	Expense	1000	- 98,356
060000	OCO	1000	- 11,871
100777	SC Contracted Services	1000	- 66,883
TOTAL:			\$-180,307

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TOTAL: EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC		<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND.....	180,307-	1000
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF			50000000
PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS			50100000
<u>VETERANS' BENEFITS/ASSIST</u>			50100700
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			13
<u>SERVICES/MOST VULNERABLE</u>			<u>1304.00.00.00</u>
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS			33V0000
BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION			
REDUCTION			33V0700
SALARIES AND BENEFITS			010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	178,375-	1000 1
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OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES			030000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	12,000-	1000 1
		=====	
EXPENSES			040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	31,298-	1000 1
		=====	
TOTAL: BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION			33V0700
REDUCTION			
TOTAL ISSUE.....		221,673-	
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

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IT COMPONENT? NO

POSSIBLE BUDGET REDUCTIONS

PRIORITY 02

Issue Reduction: Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance

Issue Code: 33V0700

The Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance (B and A) provides assistance to all former, present, and future members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents in preparing claims for and securing such compensation, hospitalization, vocational training and other benefits or privileges to which such persons are or may become entitled under any federal or state law or regulation by reason of their service in the Armed Forces of the United States. This mandate is facilitated and accomplished through the activities of the Bureau of Veterans' Claims Services, Bureau of Veterans' Field Services, and Bureau of State Approving for Veterans' Training. The activities of these three Bureaus facilitated on behalf of Florida veterans achieved a return on investment during the last fiscal year of 128:1, for each dollar invested in B and A, there was a \$128 return from the federal government.

A General Revenue reduction in the amount of \$221,673 in B and A would require a reduction in workforce, which would result directly in a decrease in veterans' services and outreach to veterans. Every federal dollar garnered through advocacy on behalf of Florida's veterans is a dollar potentially added to Florida's economy. Every health care or educational dollar provided by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs potentially frees a dollar from state

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<u>VETERANS' BENEFITS/ASSIST</u>		50100700
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		13
<u>SERVICES/MOST VULNERABLE</u>		<u>1304.00.00.00</u>
PROGRAM REDUCTIONS		33V0000
BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION		
REDUCTION		33V0700

expenditure.

Furthermore, a reduction would significantly degrade the Department's ability to comply with its statutory mandate to serve the veterans of Florida. The services currently provided to our veterans result in increased federal revenue in Florida via veterans' compensation and pension payments and medical services. These service capabilities are clearly advantageous to both our state's growing veteran population and the State of Florida.

The Department understands the State's direction to eliminate unproductive or redundant programs in this reduction exercise. Veterans' Affairs, however, only has two program components, and those components are the very core of the Department's existence. The Department requests the exclusion of B and A from the 5% reduction consideration of Schedule VII-B-2 - 5%. Fiscal Budget Entity and Human Resource margins are too small to absorb such a reduction without operational consequences.

Proposed Reduction Totals:			
Code	Appropriation Title	Fund	Amount
010000	Salaries and Benefits	1000	-\$178,375
030000	OPS	1000	-12,000
040000	Expense	1000	-31,298
TOTAL:			\$-221,673

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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
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CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

OTHER SALARY AMOUNT

1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND						178,375-
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PGM: SERVICES TO VETERANS		50100000
<u>VETERANS' BENEFITS/ASSIST</u>		50100700
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		13
<u>SERVICES/MOST VULNERABLE</u>		<u>1304.00.00.00</u>
TOTAL: SERVICES/MOST VULNERABLE		<u>1304.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND.....	221,673-	1000
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TOTAL: VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DEPT OF		50000000
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	401,980-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	2,870,611-	2000
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TOTAL DEPARTMENT.....	3,272,591-	
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