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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 4586 Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject: Addition of US Space Force
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Welsh
Impact Date: January 15, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

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