

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB771

Hearing Date: Thursday February 23, 2023
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Sanders
One Liner: Provide for the Department of Veterans' Affairs to award grants to qualifying postsecondary institutions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Hunt, Lowe, Raybould, Sanders

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Rita Sanders
William Belcher

Representing:

Introducer
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Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Franklin Damann

Representing:

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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This bill would direct the Department of Veterans' Affairs ("the Department") to provide grants relating to the United States Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency ("the Agency") for undergraduate and graduate internships and academic programming to assist the Agency with its mission. A prerequisite for any such grant would be that the receiving institution has previously been designated as "Veteran and Active Duty Supportive" under existing state law. The bill also states the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Department for such grants.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson