

Comment Report

SSB 1097

A bill for an act relating to the appointment and term of service of the commandant of the Iowa veterans home.(See SF 511.)

Subcommittee Members: Carlin-CH, Edler, Mathis

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Comment: Who's idea was this bill? The entire Veterans Service Organization community views this bill as punishment directed at Commandant Oujiri for defying someone on the Vets Affairs Committee. The basic idea behind the bill goes against the concept that department heads are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. There's no provision requiring any department director to stand for reappointment or multiple approvals by a hostile Senate committee. leave this bill in the trash where it belong and move onto something meaningful to the Veterans Community.