

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: *February 20, 2020*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *9:30 AM*

Recessed: *9:35 AM*

Reconvened: *10:00 AM*

Adjourned: *10:05 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Salmon-CH, Gustafson-VC, Kurth-RM, Bennett, Breckenridge, Brown-Powers, Gaines, Hagenow, Hite, Jeneary, Kacena, Ourth, Smith, M., Sorensen, Thompson, Wheeler, Wills

Absent:

Excused:

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Roll call was taken. Representatives Brown-Powers and Representative Hagenow were excused until they arrive.

The minutes were approved.

There were no bills to assign.

Both parties went to caucus at 9:35 A.M. The committee reconvened at 10:00 A.M.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Sorensen for opening remarks on [HSB 682](#) A bill for an act relating to county commissions of veteran affairs training and making an appropriation.

There was an amendment. Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Sorensen for opening remarks on amendment 2924. Discussion was opened. Representative M. Smith stated he was happy with the fact that the county auditors and the Department of Veteran Affairs would be auditing the allocation of funds; good checks and balances. He expressed his concern over the fact that the same amount will be given to all counties, regardless of size. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Sorensen for closing remarks on amendment 2924. Rep. Sorensen moved adoption of the amendment. The amendment was adopted by short form voice vote.

Discussion was opened on [HSB 682](#) as amended. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Sorensen for closing remarks on [HSB 682](#). Rep. Sorensen moved the bill as amended. The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 17 Aye, 0 Nay, and 0 Absent. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon stated that [HSB 701](#) will not be moving forward at this point. She stated the need to do some more work so they would not be voting on the bill.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Hagenow moved to adjourn at 10:05 A.M.

Representative Sandy Salmon

Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary