

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: *February 15, 2022*

Location: *RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult*

Convened: *12:25 PM*

Adjourned: *12:55 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Salmon-CH, Graber-VC, Cahill-RM, Andrews, Boden, Bohannon, Brown-Powers, Gjerde, Gustafson, Hunter, Jeneary, McClintock, Stone, Thompson, Wills

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Gaines, Wilburn

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 12:25 P.M.

Roll call was taken. Representative Gaines and Representative Wilburn were excused. The minutes were approved.

Chairperson Salmon electronically assigned one bill to subcommittee:

[HSB 685](#) - Rep. Boden (Chair), Rep. Gustafson, Rep. Brown-Powers

The following bill was electronically reassigned:

[HSB 685](#) – Rep. Jeneary (Chair), Rep. Gustafson, Rep. Brown-Powers

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Graber for opening remarks on [HSB 47](#), A bill for an act relating to the investment and use of funds in the veterans trust fund. There was an amendment. Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Graber for

opening remarks on amendment 2929. Rep. Graber spoke on the amendment. Discussion was opened. Rep. Gjerde asked if a board would be established to oversee the investment. Rep. Graber stated that it would go through the Treasurer's Office.

Rep. Gjerde asked if commodities would be an investment option. Rep. Graber said that it was not. Rep. Gjerde expressed concern over not having a primary investment officer and trustees and said he would be a "no" on the amendment and the bill. Rep. Graber moved adoption of the amendment. The amendment was adopted by short form voice vote.

Discussion was opened on [HSB 47](#) as amended. Rep. Hunter voiced his support of the bill but expressed that it needs some work. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Graber for closing remarks on [HSB 47](#). Rep. Graber moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 14 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 2 Absent.

Representative Gjerde was the one Nay vote. Representative Gaines and Representative Wilburn were the two Absent votes. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative McClintock for opening remarks on [HSB 643](#), A bill for an act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for disabled veterans. There was an amendment. Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. McClintock for opening remarks on amendment 3128. Rep. McClintock spoke on the amendment. Discussion was opened. Rep. McClintock moved adoption of the amendment. The amendment was adopted by short form voice vote.

Discussion was opened on [HSB 643](#) as amended. Rep. Gjerde voiced his support of the amendment and the bill. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. McClintock for closing remarks on [HSB 643](#). Rep. McClintock moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 15 Ayes, 0 Nay, and 2 Absent.

Representative Gaines and Representative Wilburn were the two Absent votes. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Thompson for opening remarks on [HSB 661](#), A bill for an act relating to employment protections for state employees who are veterans. There was an amendment. Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Thompson for opening remarks on amendment 3041. Rep. Thompson spoke on the amendment. Discussion was opened. Rep. Hunter voiced his support of the amendment. Rep. Thompson moved adoption of the amendment. The amendment was adopted by short form voice vote.

Discussion was opened on [HSB 661](#) as amended. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Thompson for closing remarks on [HSB 661](#). Rep. Thompson moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 15 Ayes, 0 Nay, and 2 Absent.

Representative Gaines and Representative Wilburn were the two Absent votes. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Jeneary for opening remarks on [HSB 685](#), A bill for an act relating to certifications on applications for veteran special registration plates. Representative Brown-Powers offered her support of the bill. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Jeneary for closing remarks on [HSB 685](#). Rep. Jeneary moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 15 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent.

Representative Gaines and Representative Wilburn were the two Absent votes. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Cahill moved to adjourn at 12:55 P.M.

Representative Sandy Salmon

Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary