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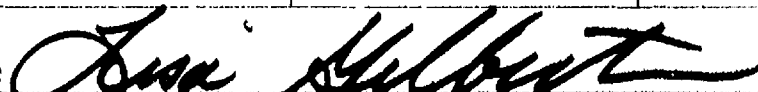
2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1374

House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 02/07/01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
#1		X	1875 to 4575
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

Chairman R. Kelsch, Vice-Chair T. Brusegaard, Rep. Bellew, Rep. Grumbo, Rep. Haas, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Hawken, Rep. Hunskor, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Meier, Rep. Mueller, Rep. Nelson, Rep. Nottestad, Rep. Solberg, Rep. Thoreson

Vice-Chairman Brusegaard: We will now open the hearing on HB1374.

Rep. R. Kelsch: (District 34) \*Introduced the bill\*

Rep. Nottestad: I think this is a fabulous idea. I remember during WWII, our teacher would have us go down to the church when bodies were brought back, and the impact it made on us. Is there anyway, in this bill, for families of those killed in action, who would not have received an honorable discharge, to be eligible for the family to receive this?

Rep. Kelsch: The way it's written, it would only mean that an eligible veteran had been deceased, their family may request it. My guess is, that would seem like an honorable discharge

in my mind. If they were serving in the line of duty, and they were killed, that's going out the way most of us would want to.

Sen. O'Connell: (District 6) \*Co-signer spoke in support of the bill\*

Rep. Mueller: \*Co-signer spoke in support of the bill\*

Arnold Maier: (DAV) In 1941, I got to meet a lot of young men my age. Some of these men couldn't go to high school, because they had to be in the war. Myself, I was very fortunate. My father made a promise that his family would all have high school education. In turn, he hired a man to help with the farm work, so his children could go to school. Once, he paid ten dollars a month, another time, he paid board and room. HB1374 was drafted after it was done in MN. The VFW got a hold of it, researched it and brought it back, and they got a unanimous approval from the council to pursue this bill to give victims of WWII a diploma. As a veteran, I urge you strongly to support this bill.

Ron Otto: (Morton County Veterans Service Officer) \*Please refer to written testimony\*

Rep. Thoreson: Just a point of clarification. The bill says that, prior to completing high school. Does that mean they had to have started?

Otto: What the bill is stating is that if they were in high school and they went into the service.

Rep. Thoreson: Do you think some of the people who didn't go onto high school, because he had to work on the farm. He wouldn't be eligible.

Otto: What I think the amendments will show is those WWII veterans who served in the armed services during WWII will be granted the honorary high school diploma.

Wayne Sunstead: (State Superintendent of Public Instruction) This has references to the department. As has been indicated, this is a novel piece of legislation that's passed elsewhere.

Two question on the dates was interesting to me. You recall that the element of war was appearing on the horizon prior to Dec. 7, 1941. As a result, units were being ordered to active duty by the War Department, so they decided that the most ready units in the entire nation of the reserved forces of that time were found in ND and MN. The more capable, those ready to be put into action. They were immediately deployed in the Philippine Islands. I believe school districts will want to use this piece of legislation. We don't feel that there will be a fiscal need after a few phone calls and things.

Bob Hanson: (NDVCC) I was asked by the School Board's Association, NDEA, and the Administrators to say they are all in support of this bill as well. Does it apply to veterans who were not in high school? Yes. This is just one small token of how we can say to them thank you.

Vice Chairman Brusegaard: We will now close the hearing on HB1374.

Rep. D. Johnson: I move the amendments.

Rep. Hanson: Second.

Vice Chairman Brusegaard: What are the wishes of the committee?

Rep. D. Johnson: I move a DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Rep. Mueller: Second.

Vice Chairman Brusegaard: Committee Discussion.

The motion of DO PASS AS AMENDED passes with 15 YAY 0 NAY 0 ABSENT.

Floor Assignment: Rep. Mueller

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 Requested by Legislative Council  
 01/23/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1374

Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

<b>Name:</b>	Wayne G. Sanstead	<b>Agency:</b>	Public Instruction
<b>Phone Number:</b>	328-4572	<b>Date Prepared:</b>	01/29/2001

VK  
2/8/01

- House Amendments to HB1374**      **House EDU**      **2/9/01**  
Page 1, line 1, after "veterans" insert "; and to declare an emergency"
- Page 1, line 4, replace "A" with "Any World War II" and replace "entered the military service of the United States while" with "did not receive"
- Page 1, line 5, replace "student" with "diploma"
- Page 1, remove lines 6 and 7
- Page 1, line 8, replace "b" with "a"
- Page 1, line 11, replace "c" with "b"
- Page 1, line 13, replace "must apply to the school district in which the veteran" with "shall complete an application on a form prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. A county veterans' service officer shall certify the veteran's status as an honorably discharged veteran who served during the qualifying period to the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall forward the application to the school district in which the veteran last attended school before"
- Page 1, line 14, remove "was enrolled at the time of" and replace "or if the" with ", the application must be forwarded to"
- Page 1, line 15, remove "school board of" and after "district" insert "that has jurisdiction. If a school district"
- Page 1, line 18, replace "or" with "and"
- Page 1, after line 22, insert:  
    "SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."
- Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/7/01  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1374

House House Education Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 10645.c101

Action Taken Do Pass As Amended

Motion Made By Rep. D. Johnson Seconded By Rep. Mueller

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman-RaeAnn G. Kelsch	✓		Rep. Howard Grumbo	✓	
V. Chairman-Thomas T. Brusegaard	✓		Rep. Lyle Hanson	✓	
Rep. Larry Bellew	✓		Rep. Bob Hunsdor	✓	
Rep. C.B. Haas	✓		Rep. Phillip Mueller	✓	
Rep. Kathy Hawken	✓		Rep. Dorvan Solberg	✓	
Rep. Dennis E. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Lisa Meler	✓				
Rep. Jon O. Nelson	✓				
Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad	✓				
Rep. Laurel Thoreson	✓				

Total (Yes) 15 *Click here to type Yes Vote* No 0 *Click here to type No Vote*

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment *Click here to type Floor Assignment* Rep. Mueller

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1374: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1374 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2001 SENATE EDUCATION

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2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1374

Senate Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 02-28-01

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Alinda Johnson</i>			

Minutes: CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order on 2/28/01.

Roll Call was taken with 6 present, 1 absent (Sen. Flakoll).

CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the hearing on Engrossed HB 1374, relating to honorary high school diplomas for veterans; and to declare an emergency.

**Testimony in support of HB 1374:**

REPRESENTATIVE RAE ANN KELSCH, District 34, spoke in support of the bill. She stated this bill as amended allows for schools districts, or the Superintendent of Public Instruction if the school district does not wish to do so, to grant an honorary high school diploma to any honorable discharged WWII veteran who does not have one. This is for ND veterans only. We recognize the sacrifices of WWII veterans and this allows them to receive an honorary high school diploma when they were unable to obtain one before they went off to war. The families of honorably discharged veterans can also request a diploma, either for a living or deceased family member. This also applies to those who dropped out of school to go to war.

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WAYNE SANSTEAD, Superintendent of Public Instruction, supports the bill. He feels the local school district should make the decision to grant an honorary diploma to a veteran, otherwise DPI can.

RAY HARKEMA, North Dakota Veteran's Affairs, stated they are prepared to work with DPI and the county Service Officers. He foresees no problems in verifying the veterans. North Dakota had 69,000 WWII veterans and they are passing away at an alarming rate now.

RON OTTO, Morton County Veterans Service Officer, presented prepared testimony. (see attached).

BOB HANSON, ND Veterans Coordinating Council, which represents the five veteran's organizations, unanimously supports this legislation. He also feels the local school districts should make the decision. SENATOR O'CONNELL asked how many other states do this. Mr. Hanson stated maybe five. Minnesota and Nebraska are two.

**There being no opposition, the hearing on HB 1374 was closed.**

**SENATOR KELSH moved a DO PASS. Seconded by SENATOR CHRISTENSON.**

SENATOR COOK wondered if there should be a reference that the veteran attended a ND school. SENATOR CHRISTENSON answered that it seems that intent is implied in the bill.

**Roll Call Vote: 6 YES. 0 NO. 1 Absent.**

**Carrier: SENATOR COOK**



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
February 28, 2001 1:19 p.m.

Module No: SR-34-4461  
Carrier: Cook  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1374, as engrossed: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1374 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.**

2001 TESTIMONY

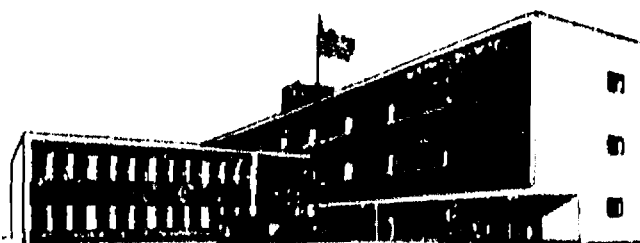
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RE: HB 1374

A BILL for an Act relating to honorary high school diplomas for veterans.

My name is Ron Otto. I am the Morton County Veterans Service Officer and my office is located in the Morton County Court House, at Mandan ND.

I ask that this Committee unanimously support House Bill No. 1374. It is small thanks to the veterans who cast their futures to the wind, quit school, in some cases lied about their age and joined the armed services of this great nation at a time when the entire world depended on their selfless act. Patriotism was at its apex and the enthusiasm shown by the veterans of WWII to do whatever it took to win is humbling to the generations that followed.

Millions of people lost their lives during this war. Many Americans never saw their homeland again and even their remains have never been repatriated. Those that came home, rolled up their sleeves and joined the effort to convert this country's economy from one of war to peace. These Americans graduated to adulthood with honors, finishing high school would have been the easiest of tasks for them. I urge you to send this message of ... Thanks, Job Well Done!



Ronald D. Otto