2011 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

HB 1306

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Finance and Taxation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1306
January 25, 2011
#13342

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature Mary Brucker

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A Bill relating to the property tax credit for disabled veterans; and to provide an effective date.

Minutes: *See attached testimony #1*

Representative Bellew: Sponsor. Support. If this bill is passed it would extend the property tax credit for disabled veterans no matter what percent they are disabled. I believe this is a good thing to do for our veterans. Always remember that these are service related disabilities. I read a bumper sticker once and it read "If you can read this thank a teacher. If you are reading this is English thank a soldier." I urge a Do Pass on this bill.

John Jacobsen, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council. Support. Please refer to attached testimony #1.

Representative Bette Grande: Don't we have this disabled veteran's property tax in Government and Veterans Affairs too? It is a very similar bill where we changed the definition.

John Jacobsen: It just changed terminology from value to taxable value.

Representative Dwight Wrangham: I don't remember the bill number but we have a bill in Governmental and Veterans Affairs. It includes in the definition some other aspect of being disabled that VA [precludes you from holding a job.

John Jacobsen: I'm not sure about that. I didn't read that part of it from the bill. The real value was changed to taxable value. The value went from $125,000 down to $5400 which would be the taxable value.

Chairman Wesley R. Belter: That is correct and that bill has already passed the House floor.

John Jacobsen: This one just removes the 50% disability and opens it up to all disabled veterans.

Representative Bette Grande: I would like to reconcile the bills. We have a bill that's going to affect this one so we'll have to figure it out in order to reconcile them.

Chairman Wesley R. Belter: No further testimony. Closed hearing on HB 1306.

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A Bill relating to the property tax credit for disabled veterans; and to provide an effective date.

Minutes:

Chairman Wesley R. Belter: I don't think we are going to act on this bill today but one thing we should probably do is change the language. We should try and change it to the language that was in HB 1116. Representative Bette Grande said there was a bill 1217 which is similar in GVA and so we will hold off on it for now.

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#13726

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Minutes:

Representative Bette Grande: Our GVA committee passed out a bill that is on its way to appropriations that deals with property tax for disabled veterans. Our bill clarifies in a lot of different sections than just this one. I think our bill was better so we passed ours out. I would move a Do Not Pass on this one.

Vice Chairman Craig Headland: Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken: YES 14 NO 0 ABSENT 0
MOTION CARRIED—DO NOT PASS.
Representative Roscoe Streyle will carry HB 1306.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
01/27/2011

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1306

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.*

	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			$2,980,000			
Appropriations						

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

2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium			2013-2015 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

HB 1306 would extend the property tax credit for disabled veterans to those veterans with any level of service-connected disability.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

If enacted, HB 1306 is expected to increase expenditures of the disabled veterans program by an estimated $2.98 million dollars in the 2011-13 biennium.

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, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

If enacted, HB 1306 will require an appropriation for the state to reimburse the counties for the additional costs associated with this expanded credit.

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Phone Number:	328-3402	**Date Prepared:**	02/15/2011

FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT

House Bill or Resolution No. 1306

This bill or resolution appears to affect revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of counties, cities, or school districts. However, no state agency has primary responsibility for compiling and maintaining the information necessary for the proper preparation of a fiscal note regarding this bill or resolution. Pursuant to Joint Rule 502, this statement meets the fiscal note requirement.

Becky Keller
Senior Fiscal Analyst

Date: 1-31-11
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1306

House Finance and Taxation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: ☐ Do Pass ☒ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Grande Seconded By Rep. Headland

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Wesley R. Belter	✓		Scot Kelsh	✓	
Vice Chair. Craig Headland	✓		Shirley Meyer	✓	
Glen Froseth	✓		Lonny B. Winrich	✓	
Bette Grande	✓		Steven L. Zaiser	✓	
Patrick Hatlestad	✓				
Mark S. Owens	✓				
Roscoe Streyle	✓				
Wayne Trottier	✓				
Dave Weiler	✓				
Dwight Wrangham	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Streyle

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1306: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1306 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

HB 1306

HB 1306
Testimony #1
1-25-11

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS COORDINATING COUNCIL

My name is John L. Jacobsen. I am the Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council. I am also a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I served in the North Dakota National Guard and the US Army Reserve for a total of 30 years. I retired in 1995 as a Colonel. I served on Active Duty in 1991 during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf, stationed in the United Arab Emirates.

The Coordinating Council is made up of 15 members, 3 from each of the five Veterans Organizations in North Dakota:

- American Legion
- AMVETS
- Disabled American Veterans
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Vietnam Veterans of America

It is the policy of the Coordinating Council to support legislation that will benefit the welfare of the members of the Armed Forces. The committee MUST concur totally, that is all 15 members must agree on the legislation to be supported or else it does not get the support.

In this case, I have been instructed to recommend to this legislative committee that a "DO PASS" on HB 1306 is supported by the Veterans Coordinating Council.