2019 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1354

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1354
2/7/2019
32389

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature Carmen Hart

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to leave for state employee volunteers

Minutes:

Chairman Kasper opened the hearing on HB 1354.

Rep. Dick Anderson appeared in support. I was approached by a local ambulance squad that is shorthanded with volunteers. They have three members in the state office that they would like to respond to calls if it is okay with whoever is in charge of the state agency.

Rep. B. Koppelman: Would this then be paid leave?

Rep. D. Anderson: We didn't put that in there, but that is a concern.

Rep. B. Koppelman: Could this have some unintended consequences throughout the state in areas that are much different than what you are suggesting?

Rep. D. Anderson: In rural areas you probably only have seven or eight calls a year. If it is a volunteer service in a larger town, it would probably affect them more. In these small towns if they can't get these people out of these agencies next door to the ambulance, down the road they are going to have trouble keeping their ambulance running.

Rep. P. Anderson: How long does it take to go from Towner to the hospital?

Rep. D. Anderson: Most rural calls from Towner are probably 30 minutes in and 30 minutes out.

Rep. Rohr: Are these people already on call?

Rep. D. Anderson: They probably have two or three people that might be on call, but they might not be located near the ambulance. The majority of the time if you are there, you just respond. If there are enough people there, then the others leave.

Rep. Rohr: Are they getting any resistance from their bosses?

Rep. D. Anderson: I don't think they are. If they are busy, they can't leave. They probably have been doing it already to some degree, but I think they were worried about legal consequences.

Chairman Kasper closed the hearing.

Rep. Laning made a motion for an amendment to put "paid" in front of leave on Line 15.

Rep. Schauer seconded the motion.

Rep. B. Koppelman: I think the bill sponsor was concerned about whether state policy will pay people who are volunteers to serve on those emergency services, so I am going to resist the amendment.

Chairman Kasper: I wouldn't have read it that way. These people respond for public safety and docking them pay could be a reason they don't want to respond. We need responders. I would support the motion.

Rep. B. Koppelman: Do we employ that large percentage of people in small towns?

Chairman Kasper: I can't answer that. The fact is there are state employees around the state that may volunteer.

Vice Chair Steiner: I am going to resist too, because it is too wide open for my comfort.

Voice vote was taken to adopt amendment, but indecisive. A roll call vote was taken. 7-6, 1 absent.

Rep. Schauer made a motion for a DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Rep. P. Anderson seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. 9-4, 1 absent.

Rep. C. Johnson will carry the bill.

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Adopted by the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
February 7, 2019

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1354

Page 1, line 15, after the second "a" insert "paid"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-7-19
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1354

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☒ Adopt Amendment
☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Rep Laning Seconded By Rep. Schauer

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Jim Kasper			Rep. Pamela Anderson		
Vice Chair Vicky Steiner			Rep. Mary Schneider		
Rep. Jeff Hoverson					
Rep. Craig Johnson					
Rep. Daniel Johnston					
Rep. Karen Karls			Voice Vote		
Rep. Ben Koppelman					
Rep. Vernon Laning					
Rep. Scott Louser			indecisive		
Rep. Karen Rohr					
Rep. Austen Schauer					
Rep. Steve Vetter					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:
Put "paid" directly in front of leave on Line 15.

Date: 2-7-19
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1354

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☑ Adopt Amendment
☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Rep. Laning Seconded By Rep Schauer

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Jim Kasper	X		Rep. Pamela Anderson	X	
Vice Chair Vicky Steiner		X	Rep. Mary Schneider	X	
Rep. Jeff Hoverson	-	X			
Rep. Craig Johnson	X				
Rep. Daniel Johnston		X			
Rep. Karen Karls	X				
Rep. Ben Koppelman		X			
Rep. Vernon Laning	X				
Rep. Scott Louser		X			
Rep. Karen Rohr		X			
Rep. Austen Schauer	X				
Rep. Steve Vetter	A				

Total (Yes) 7 No 6

Absent 1

Floor Assignment _____

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

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Date: 2-7-19
Roll Call Vote #: 3

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1354

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 19.0427.01001

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☒ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Rep Schauer Seconded By Rep P. Anderson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Jim Kasper	X		Rep. Pamela Anderson	X	
Vice Chair Vicky Steiner		X	Rep. Mary Schneider	X	
Rep. Jeff Hoverson	X				
Rep. Craig Johnson	X				
Rep. Daniel Johnston		X			
Rep. Karen Karls	X				
Rep. Ben Koppelman		X			
Rep. Vernon Laning	X				
Rep. Scott Louser	X				
Rep. Karen Rohr		X			
Rep. Austen Schauer	X				
Rep. Steve Vetter	A				

Total (Yes) 9 No 4

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Johnson

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1354: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1354 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 15, after the second "a" insert "paid"

Renumber accordingly

2019 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1354

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

HB1354
3/22/2019
34156

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Pam Dever

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:
Relating to leave for state employee volunteers.

Minutes:

Chairman Davison called the hearing to order. Attendance was taken and all were present. Open the hearing on HB1354.

Rep. Dick Anderson, Dist. 6, Bottineau: I am here to introduce this bill. I had a request from ambulance services in my district. It allows the firemen and medical services if their supervisor OK's it. In small towns, we struggle to find people to volunteer for ambulances and firemen. We need personnel to respond to calls. (2.56)

Chairman Davison: I understand that it is a paid leave of absence. (3.31)

Sen. Richard Marcellais: We have what is called community services in our area. They allow so much time for just what Rep. Anderson is talking about. (3.43)

Rep. Anderson. We have three ambulance services in our area. The other ones in areas close to us had to shut down because they could not get volunteers. Response time in a small town is pretty critical. (4.06)

Chairman Davison: The bill does say 'may'. If they don't want to allow a paid leave that is their choice.

Chairman Davison: Any more in support? Agency? Against? Hearing is closed.

Sen. Shawn Vedaa: There is good representation from Senate and House on this bill.

Chairman Davison: What are the committee wishes?

Sen. Richard Marcellais: I move a DO PASS. **Sen. Shawn Vedaa**: I second.

Chairman Davison: Roll: **YES--7 NO- 0 -0-a.b. PASSED. Sen Marcellais will carry.**

3-22-19

Date:
Roll Call Vote #:

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES HB 1354
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☑ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Sen. Marcellais Seconded By Sen. Vedaa

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chair Davison	✓		Sen. Oban	✓	
Vice Chair Meyer	✓		Sen. Marcellais	✓	
Sen. Elkin	✓				
Sen. K. Roers	✓				
Sen. Vedaa	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent -0-

Floor Assignment Sen. Marcellais

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1354, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Davison, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1354 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.