

Hi Brandy—could you check on the status/fate of a veterans' bill I'm worried about? It's HB1504 which would provide desperately needed help for homeless veterans. It was presented to Appropriations yesterday if the schedule was correct.

HB 1504 was originally heard in Finance and Tax instead of Government and Veterans Affairs (because of an overload in GVA, I think). Testimony was strongly in favor of the bill. I know of at least five people from the eastern part of the state who drove to Bismarck in the blowing snow to testify in person at the hearing. (I attached the testimony listed entries, and know other testimony was presented that day.) There was NO TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION, and witnesses were well-received by the committee.

Austen Schauer would have normally presented the bill to Appropriations if it had been in GVA, and he understands the Post War Trust Fund and veteran homeless issues. He was not the presenter at Appropriations, of course, and I got an email from a veteran today that indicated Chairman Headland from Tax, who did present, seemed to not understand the bill and answered incorrectly when questioned about it. I haven't had a chance to watch the video, and can't determine if any action has been taken or what the bill's future is.

The funding is needed and is not duplicative of any other funding source. The appropriation is to bridge the gaps in funding for homeless veterans. The funding request passed Finance and Tax unanimously at 13-0, so I hate to see it fail because of a lack of available information. Lonnie Wangen usually testifies at Appropriations on veterans' bills, but he said he didn't get notice on his tracking system for HB1504, and even if he had, he was burying his brother in the Cities yesterday when it was heard.

Would you let me know if it's still possible for the veterans who co-sponsored this bill, or others who testified for it or otherwise support it, can or should contact Appropriations Committee members to continue to urge funding passage?

Thanks, Brandy, for your help.

Mary

Representative Mary Schneider

Committee Hearing Testimonies for HB 1504

Measure A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-14-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating

Title: to the veterans' postwar trust fund; and to provide an appropriation.

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Neutral Testimony

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