

**Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee**  
**69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**  
**Senator Luick-Chair**

Chairman Luick and Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee,

Please accept this testimony request to amend HB 1169

**Intent of amendment:**

Require an entity or person assisting ND residents with claims to the Federal VA to follow Federal Laws.

Verbiage to add to lines 18-19 of page 1. After: 2. A person may not:

a. Receive compensation for advising or assisting an individual regarding any federal or state veterans' benefits matter, except as allowed under federal law.

**Fiscal note:**

No state general funds. Cost to veterans and dependents is unattainable.

**Conclusion:**

These are Federal Programs with Federal funds being expended and Federal laws apply.

Thank you for your consideration.

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