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CA AB 3 **AUTHOR:** Perez V (D)
TITLE: Energy: Renewable Energy Workforce Readiness Program
COMMITTEE: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
HEARING: 04/13/2009 3:00 pm
SUMMARY:
Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a Renewable Energy Workforce Readiness Program to ensure green collar career placement and advancement opportunities. Provides for the award of training grants to implement and operate renewable energy worker training and education programs in the state.
Commentary:
Vets are a target for work program
Position: Support

CA AB 38 **AUTHOR:** Salas (D)
TITLE: Postsecondary Education: Resident Classification: Vets
LOCATION: Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
SUMMARY:
Relates to residency requirements and the amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students of public postsecondary educational institutions. Enacts the Veterans Education Assistance Act. Entitles a student who was a member of the Armed Forces to resident classification for a specified time.
Position: Sponsor

CA AB 59 **AUTHOR:** Jeffries (R)
TITLE: Alcoholic Beverages: Proof of Age: Military ID Cards
LOCATION: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee
SUMMARY:
Amends the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act that makes it a misdemeanor for any person under the age of 21 to purchase any alcoholic beverage or consume any alcoholic beverage in any on-sale premises, and includes a military ID card issued to a member of the Armed Forces as an eligible ID card so long as that card includes a description of the cardholder. Provides that, if the military ID card lacks a physical description, further proof of majority shall not be required.
Position: Support

CA AB 223 **AUTHOR:** Ma (D)
 TITLE: Physical Education: Junior ROTC
 LAST AMEND: 03/25/2009
 COMMITTEE: Assembly Education Committee
 HEARING: 04/01/2009 1:30 pm
 SUMMARY:
 Makes findings and declarations concerning the value of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) programs. Requires the San Francisco Board of Education to make ROTC courses available to pupils under its jurisdiction in grades 9 to 12, inclusive. Requires the governing board of a school district that establishes courses provided with reference to ROTC units to exempt any pupil engaged in an ROTC course from attending courses of physical education.
 Position: Support

CA AB 255 **AUTHOR:** Anderson (R)
 TITLE: Internet Security: Virtual Globe Technology
 LOCATION: Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee
 SUMMARY:
 Prohibits an operator of a commercial Internet Web site or online service that makes a virtual globe browser from providing aerial or satellite photographs or imagery of places in the state that have been identified on the Web site by the operator as a school, place of worship, or government or medical building or facility unless those photographs have been blurred. Prohibits street view photographs or imagery of such buildings and facilities.
 Position: Support

CA AB 264 **AUTHOR:** Cook (R)
 TITLE: Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day
 COMMITTEE: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee
 HEARING: 04/01/2009 1:30 pm
 SUMMARY:
 Requires the Governor to annually proclaim March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.
 Commentary:
 VVA-sponsored
 Position: Support

CA AB 265 **AUTHOR:** Cook (R)
 TITLE: Office Holding: Forfeiture
 LOCATION: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee

SUMMARY:

Relates to existing law that requires certain elected officers to forfeit their office upon the conviction of a specified crime pursuant to the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2005. Expands this provision to include elected state officers.

Commentary:

AFRAC/VVA-sponsors

Position: Support

CA AB
308

AUTHOR: Cook (R)

TITLE: Special Absentee Voters

COMMITTEE: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee

HEARING: 03/31/2009 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Requires local elections officials to prepare a special runoff ballot for each primary, special or general election to send to special absentee voters that would be counted if there is a runoff election for any of the offices in that election.

Position: Support

CA AB
343

AUTHOR: Saldana (D)

TITLE: Pupils: Military Families

LOCATION: ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY:

States the intent of the Legislature to ratify the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and would declare the purpose of that compact.

Position: Support

CA AB
351

AUTHOR: Salas (D)

TITLE: Physical Education

LAST AMEND: 03/24/2009

COMMITTEE: Assembly Education Committee

HEARING: 04/01/2009 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law that requires all pupils who are not otherwise exempt to attend courses in physical education for a total number of minutes for a specified period. Authorizes the governing board of a school district to exempt any pupil from courses in physical education if the pupil participates in State Cadet Corps, cheer team or dance team, color guard or drill team, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, or marching band.

Position: Support

CA AB 425 **AUTHOR:** Cook (R)
TITLE: Vehicles: Registration: Reissuance Fee Exemption
COMMITTEE: Assembly Transportation Committee
HEARING: 04/13/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Exempts a member of the State National Guard or the United States Armed Forces, who was on active duty, serving outside of the state in a military conflict during a time of war at the time of suspension, cancellation, or revocation of a vehicle registration, from paying a reissuance fee.
Position: Support

CA AB 498 **AUTHOR:** Hayashi (D)
TITLE: Affordable Housing: Veterans
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Makes several legislative findings and declarations relating to veteran renter households. Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to affordable housing for veteran renter households.
Position: Watch

CA AB 534 **AUTHOR:** Duvall (R)
TITLE: Pupils: Career Fairs
COMMITTEE: Assembly Education Committee
HEARING: 04/01/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Requires a school that offers a career fair to its pupils to allow military recruiters access to that career fair to the same extent that it allows other persons and entities access to the fair.
Position: Support

CA AB 563 **AUTHOR:** Cook (R)
TITLE: Personal Income Taxes: Military Family Relief Fund
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Relates to personal income tax and contributions to the Military Family Relief Fund for financial aid grants to eligible reserve members of the Armed Forces. Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes.
Position: Support

CA AB **AUTHOR:** Yamada (D)

565 **TITLE:** Department of Veterans Affairs: Study
LOCATION: Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct an internal study to evaluate the process by which active duty service men and women receive information regarding veterans benefits.
Position: Support

CA AB **AUTHOR:** Duvall (R)
585 **TITLE:** Deceased Personalities
COMMITTEE: Assembly Judiciary Committee
HEARING: 04/14/2009 9:00 am
SUMMARY:
Expands the definition of deceased personality under existing law that establishes a cause of action for damages on behalf of specified injured parties for the unauthorized uses of a deceased personality's name, voice, signature, photograph, or likeness for commercial purposes within 70 years of the personality's death to include any natural person whose name, voice, signature, photo, or likeness has commercial value.
Position: Support

CA AB **AUTHOR:** Cook (R)
589 **TITLE:** County Veterans Service Officers
COMMITTEE: Assembly Public Safety Committee
HEARING: 03/31/2009 9:00 am
SUMMARY:
Allows the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or a local law enforcement agency to contract with county veterans service officers in the county where the state or local correctional facility is located to assist an incarcerated honorably discharged veteran and the veteran's dependents in presenting and pursuing any claims and in establishing the veteran's and dependent's right to any privilege preference, care or compensation provided for by the laws of the United States or the state.
Commentary:
CACVSO-sponsor
Position: Support

CA AB **AUTHOR:** Berryhill B (R)
670 **TITLE:** High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: Veterans
LOCATION: Assembly Transportation Committee
SUMMARY:
Authorizes exclusive or preferential use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes to

be used by a vehicle driven by a veteran or active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces, regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicle or type of vehicle, provided that the vehicle is driven by the veteran or active duty member and the vehicle displays an insignia approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Position: Support

CA AB 674 **AUTHOR:** Salas (D)
TITLE: Drug Diversion Program for Veterans
LOCATION: Assembly Public Safety Committee
SUMMARY:
Establishes a deferred entry of judgment program and a preconviction drug diversion program for veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury and who commit specified offenses.
Position: Support

CA AB 702 **AUTHOR:** Salas (D)
TITLE: Veterans Housing and Assistance Program
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Establishes the Veterans Housing and Assistance Program, under which the Department of Housing and Community Development would be authorized to make grants from the Veterans Housing and Assistance Fund, to local governments and nonprofit organization to provide emergency or temporary housing for homeless veterans.
Position: Watch

CA AB 710 **AUTHOR:** Yamada (D)
TITLE: Veterans' Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Fund
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a grant application to the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration for the purpose of funding community-based organizations. Requires that all grant money be deposited into the Veterans' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Fund. Requires the department to develop a process by which to certify community-based organizations that receive funding.
Position: Support

CA AB **AUTHOR:** Huber (D)

716 **TITLE:** Veteran Services: State Agencies
LOCATION: Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a veteran data exchange system to ascertain the status of all persons receiving services, benefits or assistance from state agencies and departments.
Position: Support

CA AB **AUTHOR:** Cook (R)
717 **TITLE:** Public School Instruction: World War II
COMMITTEE: Assembly Education Committee
HEARING: 04/01/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Encourages instruction in social sciences for grades 7 to 12 to include instruction on World War II and the role of the Filipinos in that war.
Position: Support

CA AB **AUTHOR:** Salas (D)
776 **TITLE:** Veterans
LOCATION: Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires the Department of Veteran Affairs, pursuant to the CalVet Home Loan Program to urge the Congress of the United States to allow the proceeds from certain tax-exempt bonds to be used for types of housing other than single family residences.
Position: Support

CA AB **AUTHOR:** Hagman (R)
794 **TITLE:** Teacher Credentialing: Fees
LOCATION: Assembly Education Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to waive all application and processing fees for out-of-state applicants for teaching credentials who relocate to the state due to orders received from a branch of the United States Armed Forces.
Position: Support

CA AB **AUTHOR:** Niello (R)
848 **TITLE:** Small Business Procurement and Contract Act: Veterans
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Makes technical changes to provisions regarding small business or microbusiness and the low responsible bid of a bidder meeting the specifications of a disabled veteran-owned small business.

Position: Watch

CA AB 1013 **AUTHOR:** Block (D)
TITLE: Corrections: Veteran Inmates
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to conduct an interdisciplinary assessment of new inmates who have combat experience with the United States military, or are on active duty, reserve, or national guard status and to develop specialized treatment protocols for those inmates.
Position: Support

CA AB 1036 **AUTHOR:** Niello (R)
TITLE: Remote Caller Bingo: Cosponsorship Agreements
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Allows a maximum of 100 unaffiliated organizations to enter into an agreement to cosponsor a remote caller bingo game if the game does not have more than 100 locations.
Position: Support

CA AB 1051 **AUTHOR:** Fletcher (R)
TITLE: Veterans: Pooled Self-Insurance Fund
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Creates the Pooled Self-Insurance Fund to receive various reserves and moneys. Allows the Department of Veterans Affairs to purchase insurance related to its veteran home loan program.
Position: Support

CA AB 1077 **AUTHOR:** Anderson (R)
TITLE: Income Taxes: Exclusion: Military Retirement Benefits
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Provides an exclusion from gross income for retired pay and survivor annuities received by an individual as a result of the active service of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.
Position: Support

CA AB 1190 **AUTHOR:** Fletcher (R)
 TITLE: Military Service: Benefits
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that authorizes extensions of time for certain members of the National Guard who are ordered into active service and reservists who are called to active duty.
 Position: Support

CA AB 1306 **AUTHOR:** Gilmore (R)
 TITLE: Veterans: Buildings, Memorials, and Cemeteries
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 State the intent of the Legislature to consolidate the duties and powers of the commission formed for the purposes of providing and maintaining veterans buildings, memorials, and cemeteries.
 Position: Support

CA AB 1330 **AUTHOR:** Salas (D)
 TITLE: Veterans: Pilot Project: Cooperative Housing
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot project for the purpose of operating a cooperative housing project.
 Position: Watch

CA AB 1332 **AUTHOR:** Salas (D)
 TITLE: Taxation: Military Housing
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to property taxation on military housing.
 Position: Watch

CA AB 1340 **AUTHOR:** Lowenthal B (D)
 TITLE: Absentee Voters
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to absentee voters.
 Position: Support

CA AB 1344 **AUTHOR:** Fletcher (R)
 TITLE: Taxation: Military Housing
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to the property taxation for military housing.
 Position: Watch

CA AB 1367 **AUTHOR:** Fletcher (R)
 TITLE: Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to elections. Makes certain exceptions for citizens in the armed forces stationed outside the U.S.
 Position: Support

CA AB 1378 **AUTHOR:** Perez V (D)
 TITLE: Workforce Investment Board: Veterans' Workforce Program
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Establishes the veterans' Workforce program for providing a targeted workforce training assessment and referral program for veterans that is intended to assist those veterans with the transition to the civilian workforce.
 Position: Support

CA AB 1459 **AUTHOR:** Davis (D)
 TITLE: Multifamily Housing Program for Veterans
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Provides that a sponsor of a supportive housing development may restrict occupancy to persons of veteran status if, in addition to meeting other requirements, the development is located on property that is owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county.
 Position: Watch

CA AB 1509 **AUTHOR:** Anderson (R)
 TITLE: Veterans
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:

Relates to veterans death benefits.

Position: Support

CA AB 1567 **AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
 TITLE: Employment Training Panel: 3-year Plan: Veterans
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Requires that the Veterans Employment Training Plan include a statement describing the employment training goals, objectives and strategies that may be implemented to support target population in need of employment training, including military veterans.

CA AB 1568 **AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
 TITLE: Veterans: Benefits
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Declares Legislative intent to implement the Public Assistance and Reporting Information System to allow the State Department of Health Care Services to identify veterans enrolled in the Medi-Cal program who could receive medical benefits through the federal Veterans Health Administration.

CA AB 1569 **AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
 TITLE: Postsecondary Education: Veterans: Tuition
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to residency requirements for purposes of ascertaining the amount of fees to be paid by students at public institutions of higher education. Amends state law to conform with federal law granting a member of the Armed Forces, or dependent, entitlement to resident classification for so long as he or she is continuously enrolled.

CA AB 1570 **AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
 TITLE: Veterans: Service Providers
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that the selection process to determine whether the state shall award a grant for a project that would provide, or enter into a contract to provide, services to veterans shall include a preference for entities that meet specified criteria.

CA AB 1571 **AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
 TITLE: Veterans Mental Health
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to existing law requiring each county mental health program to prepare and submit a plan and to develop the plan with specified local stakeholders. Requires such stakeholder planning group to include a representative from a veterans organization. Requires such plan to recognize the veterans community and its needs in this area.

CA ACR 4 **AUTHOR:** Anderson (R)
 TITLE: University of California: Divestment from Iran
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Calls upon the University of California to implement the California Public Divest from Iran Act, which prohibits the investment of public employee retirement funds in foreign companies with business activities in Iran.
 Position: Support

CA ACR 10 **AUTHOR:** Anderson (R)
 TITLE: Support of Israel
 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
 SUMMARY:
 Describes the conflict between Israel and Hamas and proclaims the Legislature's support of Israel.
 Position: Support

CA ACR 12 **AUTHOR:** Blakeslee (R)
 TITLE: National Purple Heart Trail
 LAST AMEND: 03/25/2009
 LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
 SUMMARY:
 Designates State Highway Route 101 from the City of San Luis Obispo to San Ardo for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail.
 Position: Support

CA ACR 36 **AUTHOR:** Conway (R)
 TITLE: Greatest Generation Memorial Highway
 COMMITTEE: Assembly Transportation Committee
 HEARING: 04/13/2009 1:30 pm
 SUMMARY:

Designates a specified location on State Highway Route 63 in Visalia as the Greatest Generation Memorial Highway.

Position: Support

CA AJR 5 **AUTHOR:** Harkey (R)
TITLE: Camp Pendleton: Housing Detainees of Guantanamo Bay
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Urges the U.S. Congress, with respect to detainees of the U.S. Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, not to redirect those detainees to or house them at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton.
Position: Support

CA SB 15 **AUTHOR:** Cedillo (D)
TITLE: Student Financial Aid: Members of Armed Forces
LAST AMEND: 03/25/2009
LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:
Relates to the State Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program and the Competitive Cal Grant A and B award program. Entitles members or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States who meets prescribed requirements, including enrollment at a campus of a community colleges, in a career technical education, or a qualifying undergraduate certificate or degree program, to a Cal Grant A entitlement award or a Cal Grant B Entitlement Award. Provides specifics of the award process.
Position: Support

CA SB 200 **AUTHOR:** Correa (D)
TITLE: Raffles: Internet Advertisement
LOCATION: Senate Governmental Organization Committee
SUMMARY:
Deletes the prohibition on advertising a charitable raffle over the Internet, and sets forth specified information regarding a raffle that may be included on an Internet Web site.
Commentary:
Sponsored by Ocean Institute
Position: Support

CA SB 361 **AUTHOR:** Runner G (R)

TITLE: Public Postsecondary Education: Armed Forces Service
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Specifies that priority registration provisions of the University of California apply to any member or former member of the Armed Forces who has received an honorable discharge.
Position: Support

CA SB 369 **AUTHOR:** Maldonado (R)
TITLE: Prisoner-of-War/Missing in Action Flag
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Requires the flag of the National League of Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Families to be flown during business hours at all state owned buildings and facilities where the United States flag and the California state flag currently fly.
Position: Support

CA SB 417 **AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
TITLE: Military and Veterans
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:
States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would revise and modernize various provisions of the Military and Veterans code.
Position: Support

CA SB 418 **AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
TITLE: Department of Veterans Affairs: Contracts
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Relates to the use of the General Fund to provide compensation to veterans services organizations for these services until an increase in the annual budget for county veteran services officers has been achieved.
Position: Support

CA SB 419 **AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
TITLE: County Veteran Service Officers: Funding
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Relates to county veteran service officers. Declares that a percentage of the amount annually budgeted for county veteran service officers is a specified amount.

Position: Support

CA SB 420 **AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

TITLE: Veterans' Benefits: Department of Veterans Affairs

LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee

SUMMARY:

Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law which authorizes the Veterans' Educational Institute. Provides opportunities for veterans to continue their education.

Position: Support

CA SB 421 **AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

TITLE: Veterans' Benefits: Veterans' Farm & Home Purchase Act

LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee

SUMMARY:

Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to the Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1943.

Position: Support

CA SB 422 **AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

TITLE: National Defense

LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee

SUMMARY:

Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law for national defense which provides for the Sabotage Prevention Act of 1950 and includes definitions for terms therein, including a definition for "defense preparation".

Position: Support

CA SB 423 **AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

TITLE: Veterans: Educational Assistance: Dependents

LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee

SUMMARY:

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which defines "veterans" for the purposes of the various programs bestowing benefits upon veterans, including, but not limited to, educational assistance for dependents

of veterans.

Position: Support

CA SB 469 **AUTHOR:** Aanestad (R)
TITLE: Northern California Veterans Cemetery: Fees
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Authorizes the fee for the interment of the spouses and children of honorably discharged veterans to be waived if the cemetery administrator determines that the families of the spouses or children do not have sufficient means to pay for the costs of interment. Requires any costs for these interments to be paid from nonstate funds. Authorizes the cemetery administrator to solicit private donations.
Position: Support

CA SB 548 **AUTHOR:** Huff (R)
TITLE: California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Requires an awarding department to require any prime contractor that enters into a subcontract with a disabled veteran business enterprise to certify that all payments under the contract have been made to the disabled veteran business enterprise.
Position: Watch

CA SB 582 **AUTHOR:** Dutton (R)
TITLE: Vote by Mail Voting: Military Personnel
LOCATION: Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires that a vote by mail ballot of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed outside of the United States be cast by election day and received by elections officials no later than a specified number of days after election day.
Position: Support

CA SB 595 **AUTHOR:** Cedillo (D)
TITLE: Homeless Veterans Housing and Supportive Services

Act
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law that establishes the Multifamily Housing Program to provide assistance to housing projects in the form of a deferred payment loan. Includes as an eligible cost of supportive service facilities integrally linked to homeless veteran dwelling units. Enacts the Homeless Veterans Housing and Supportive Services Act. Provides that proceeds from the sale of bonds would be used to finance supportive housing projects for homeless veterans.

Position: Watch

CA SB 611 **AUTHOR:** Correa (D)

TITLE: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant A: Veterans

COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Authorizes a student whose tuition or fees, or both, are paid in full by veterans' educational benefits pursuant to the federal Montgomery GI Bill to use a Cal Grant A Entitlement Award for access costs, as defined to mean living expenses and expenses for transportation, supplies and books, not to exceed that student's financial need.

Position: Support

CA SB 642 **AUTHOR:** Denham (R)

TITLE: Small Business Procurement and Contract Act

LOCATION: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

SUMMARY:

Increases the maximum amount of a contract under the Small Business Procurement and Contract Act; requires the contractor to report on a public contract for which a commitment to achieve small business or disabled veteran business enterprise participation goals was made; establishes a cost threshold for the State Contract Act.

Position: Watch

CA SB 643 **AUTHOR:** Denham (R)

TITLE: Prompt Payment Act: Disabled Veteran Enterprises

COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Includes disabled veteran business enterprises among the entities to whom higher penalties are payable under the California Prompt Payment Act.

Position: Watch

CA SB 644 **AUTHOR:** Denham (R)
TITLE: Civil Service Examinations: Veterans' Preference
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Amends existing civil service law that requires that veterans be allowed preference points for civil service employment. Provides that disabled veterans shall be allowed additional points and other veterans shall be allowed additional points.
Position: Support

CA SB 645 **AUTHOR:** Denham (R)
TITLE: Public Higher Education: Training Programs
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:
Declares that the University of California and the California State University may coordinate with the United States Armed Forces to establish training programs at military facilities.
Position: Support

CA SB 646 **AUTHOR:** Denham (R)
TITLE: Student Financial Aid: Veterans and Dependents
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:
Enacts the Golden State GI Bill of Rights for Higher Education. Prohibits any campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges from charging any mandatory systemwide tuition or fees to a resident who is an undergraduate or a graduate student who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces or as a member of the California National Guard, that meets specified conditions.
Position: Support

CA SB 647 **AUTHOR:** Denham (R)
TITLE: Veterans Education Assistance Award Program
COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm
SUMMARY:

Establishes the Military and Veterans Education Assistance Award Program to offer education assistance benefits to qualifying students for approved programs of education.

Position: Support

CA SB 703 **AUTHOR:** Denham (R)
TITLE: Military and Veterans
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:
Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that relates to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Position: Support

CA SB 704 **AUTHOR:** Denham (R)
TITLE: State Militia: Adjutant General: Duties
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:
Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that relates to a requirement that the Adjutant General form various duties with regard to the National Guard.
Position: Support

CA SB 809 **AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
TITLE: Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: Veterans
LOCATION: Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee
SUMMARY:
Relates to sales and use tax exemptions for veterans who are itinerant vendors.
Position: Support

CA SB 815 **AUTHOR:** Cogdill (R)
TITLE: Student Financial Aid Program: Military Service
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:
Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a program to provide student financial aid assistance to members of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, and the Naval Militia.
Position: Support

CA SB 818 **AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

TITLE: State Military Museum and Resource Center

COMMITTEE: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

HEARING: 04/14/2009 1:30 pm

SUMMARY:

Requires the Board of Directors of the State Military Foundation to submit an audit report to the Adjutant General, the Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the Chair of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and the Director of Finance. Substitutes California State Military Museum and Resource Center for California National Guard Military Museum and Resource Center wherever that term appears.

Position: Support
