

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

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HB 513, authorizing the state veterans' advisory committee to accept gifts, grants, and donations for payment of the committee's costs.

Hearing Date: April 12, 2017

Time Opened: 10:15 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:18 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Reagan, Gannon, Soucy and Woodburn

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill authorizes the state veterans' advisory committee to accept gifts, grants, and donations for payment of the committee's costs.

Sponsors:

Rep. Baldasaro

Rep. Burt

Rep. R. Ober

Rep. L. Ober

Rep. Leishman

Rep. Theberge

Rep. Weyler

Sen. Carson

Sen. French

Sen. Avard

Who supports the bill: Representative Al Baldasaro, Rockingham, District 5; Senator Sharon Carson, District 14; Senator Kevin Avard, District 12; Kevin Grady, State Veterans Advisory Committee (SVAC), Hooksett, New Hampshire

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral to the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Al Baldasaro

- The State Veterans Advisory Committee (a Statutory Committee) has monthly meetings and yearly reports. This requires a lot of printing.
- There are lots of flyers which are passed out to seventeen organizations.
- There are approximately 50 people who consist of advisors and supporters of this committee.
- There are only a few who dig into their pockets to pay for these printing costs.
- This legislation would allow the committee to accept payments for costs

associated with the committee costs.

Senator Carson said she believes any money accepted or expended from this Committee should be included in their biennial report. There should be a record of how much money was donated and what the money was used for. Representative Baldasaro agreed stating by-laws will be set up so statutory authority is given and expenditures can be placed into their biennial report.

Kevin Grady

- Twenty-five year Air Force veteran and sits on the State Veterans Advisory Committee (for 10 years now).
- He will be taking over as the Committee's Legislative Chair.
- The Committee voted on this bill and it passed unanimously.
- Presently, when the Committee incurs costs, the people from the Committee pay.
- The Committee envisions only receiving small amounts of money.
- Does not believe there will be significant amounts of money in this account.
- They will amend their by-laws to have a treasurer, which in turn, they will figure out if they want that person appointed or elected by their group.
- Presently the president and secretary are funding these costs out-of-pocket.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: No one

Future Action: Pending

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