SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	January 25, 2024
Chair of Committee	Date

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

<u>SB24-004</u> be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 4, line 6, strike "officer, OR OFFICERS AS THE
- 2 BOARD DETERMINES NECESSARY," and substitute "officer".
- 3 Page 4, line 7, after "county" insert "and such".
- 4 Page 4, line 8, strike "BASIS. and such" and substitute "BASIS. IF THE
- 5 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DETERMINES THAT ADDITIONAL
- 6 COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS ARE NECESSARY, THE BOARD MAY
- 7 AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER TO HIRE
- 8 ADDITIONAL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS.".
- 9 Page 4, line 9, strike "appoint" and substitute "appoint AUTHORIZE THE
- 10 APPOINTED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER TO HIRE".
- Page 4, line 17, strike "appoint" and substitute "appoint AUTHORIZE THE
- 12 APPOINTED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER TO HIRE".
- Page 4, line 25, strike "officer" and substitute "officer, AUTHORIZING THE
- 14 HIRING OF ADDITIONAL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS,".
- Page 4, line 26, before "STAFF" insert "AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF".
- Page 5, line 2, after "appointment" insert "OR AUTHORIZED HIRE".
- 17 Page 5, line 3, after "OR" insert "AUTHORIZED HIRE OF".
- Page 5, line 14, strike "(1) The A" and substitute "(1) (a) The AN

- 1 APPOINTED".
- 2 Page 5, line 22, strike "appointments APPOINTMENT must" and substitute
- 3 "appointments must APPOINTMENT MAY".
- 4 Page 6, after line 3 insert:
- 5 "(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A
- 6 COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO BE HIRED BY
- 7 THE APPOINTED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER IS NOT REQUIRED TO
- 8 HAVE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY, MARINE
- 9 CORPS, SPACE FORCE, OR COAST GUARD, OR ANY AUXILIARY BRANCH
- 10 THEREOF, AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED
- OR A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, OR BE AN OFFICER RELEASED FROM
- 12 ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE ARMED FORCES AND PLACED ON INACTIVE DUTY.".
- Page 6, line 13, after "ELIGIBLE" insert "TO BE A COUNTY VETERANS
- 14 SERVICE OFFICER AND".
- 15 Page 6, lines 16 and 17, strike "COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER" and
- 16 substitute "PERSON".

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