

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1531 and 1532 of the House Journal and pages 1324 and 1325 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1025 be amended as follows:

Page 1, replace line 12 with:

"Veterans' affairs	\$1,410,580	\$365,298	\$1,775,878
Contingent service dogs	0	25,000	25,000"

Page 1, replace lines 15 through 17 with:

"Total all funds	\$1,420,703	\$395,175	\$1,815,878
Less estimated income	0	288,018	288,018
Total general fund	\$1,420,703	\$107,157	\$1,527,860"

Page 2, replace lines 1 and 2 with:

"Service dogs		0	25,000
Contingent service dogs		0	25,000"

Page 2, replace line 4 with:

"Total general fund		\$295,000	\$50,000"
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Page 2, replace lines 9 through 13 with:

"SECTION 4. CONTINGENT FUNDING - SERVICE DOGS. Funding provided in the contingent service dogs line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$25,000 from the general fund for service dogs to assist North Dakota veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder. The department of veterans' affairs may spend these funds subject to:

1. The dogs having completed service dog training;
2. Eligible veterans having been approved to receive the service dogs; and
3. Budget section approval."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1025 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Veterans' Affairs	\$1,410,580	\$1,752,651	\$23,227	\$1,775,878	\$1,865,978	(\$90,100)
Accrued leave payments	10,123					
Transport Vans		15,000		15,000	15,000	
Contingent service dogs			25,000	25,000		25,000
Total all funds	\$1,420,703	\$1,767,651	\$48,227	\$1,815,878	\$1,880,978	(\$65,100)
Less estimated income	0	284,453	3,565	288,018	288,018	0
	\$1,420,703	\$1,483,198	\$44,662	\$1,527,860	\$1,592,960	(\$65,100)

General fund						
FTE	8.00	9.00	0.00	9.00	9.00	0.00

Department No. 321 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases ¹	Increases Funding for Stand Down Events ²	Adds One-Time Funding for Service Dogs ³	Adds Contingent One-Time Funding for Service Dogs ⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Veterans' Affairs	(\$6,773)	\$5,000	\$25,000		\$23,227
Accrued leave payments					
Transport Vans					
Contingent service dogs				25,000	25,000
Total all funds	(\$6,773)	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$48,227
Less estimated income	3,565	0	0	0	3,565
General fund	(\$10,338)	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$44,662
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

² Funding is increased by \$5,000 for stand down events to provide a total of \$20,000 from the general fund, the same as the Senate version.

³ One-time funding of \$25,000 is added for service dog training to provide two service dogs to veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The Senate included \$50,000 for four service dogs.

⁴ Contingent one-time funding is added for two service dogs for veterans with PTSD. The funding is contingent on service dogs that have completed training, eligible and approved veterans, and Budget Section approval. The Senate version included \$50,000 for service dogs, but did not include the contingency.

This amendment also:

- Removes the section related to contingent funding for stand down events added by the House, the same as the Senate version.
- Adds a section relating to contingent funding for two service dogs for veterans with PTSD that is subject to service dogs that have completed training, eligible and approved veterans, and Budget Section approval. Neither the House nor Senate version included this section.