

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY
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Chair Dondero Loop, Vice Chair Nguyen and members of the Senate Committee on Finance. I am Fred Wagar (F.R.E.D. W.A.G.A.R) and I represent the nearly 15,000 members of the Departments of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans of Nevada. When you include their families, that's about 50,000 Nevadans. Thank you for allowing me time to testify in favor of SB175.

S.B. 175 is a crucial piece of legislation aimed at revising the provisions governing military credentials for educational personnel in Nevada. This proposal acknowledges the unique skills and certifications obtained by members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and seeks to streamline their transition into the education sector, specifically within the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program.

The JROTC program is an integral part of many schools, instilling leadership, teamwork, and civic responsibility in pupils. Allowing certified military and veteran personnel to teach JROTC ensures that students receive instruction from individuals with direct experience and profound knowledge of the program's principles.

S.B. 175 is a forward-thinking measure that supports military personnel and veterans while enhancing the quality of Nevada's educational programs. By simplifying the licensure process for JROTC instructors, the state demonstrates its commitment to honoring military service and fostering student development. VFW and DAV urge the members of the Nevada Committee on Finance to support this bill as amended.

Thank you.

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