

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No Fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boquist, Cowan, Schaufler, Scott, Barker

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 1/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds unremarried surviving spouse of the veteran to persons eligible to receive emergency financial assistance.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarify the administration of the Veteran's Emergency Financial Assistance Program
- Adds clarifying language to include veterans' widows and widowers who have not remarried

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments

BACKGROUND: Under current statute the definition for a veteran's "Immediate family" is defined as a spouse, child or stepchild. House Bill 2157 would add to the definition "unremarried surviving spouse" to the definition of "immediate family".