SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

January 25, 2024 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:
- Amend printed bill, page 4, line 6, strike "officer, OR OFFICERS AS THE
 BOARD DETERMINES NECESSARY," and substitute "officer".
- 3 Page 4, line 7, after "county" insert "and such".
- Page 4, line 8, strike "BASIS. and such" and substitute "BASIS. IF THE
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DETERMINES THAT ADDITIONAL
 COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS ARE NECESSARY, THE BOARD MAY
 AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER TO HIRE
 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
 APPOINTED COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER TO HIRE".
- Page 4, line 25, strike "officer" and substitute "officer, AUTHORIZING THE
 HIRING OF ADDITIONAL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS,".
- 15 Page 4, line 26, before "STAFF" insert "AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF".
- 16 Page 5, line 2, after "appointment" insert "OR AUTHORIZED HIRE".
- 17 Page 5, line 3, after "OR" insert "AUTHORIZED HIRE OF".
- 18 Page 5, line 14, strike "(1) The A" and substitute "(1) (a) The AN

1 APPOINTED".

Page 5, line 22, strike "appointments APPOINTMENT must" and substitute
"appointments must APPOINTMENT MAY".

4 Page 6, after line 3 insert:

"(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A 5 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 11 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 VETERANSSERVICE OFFICER AND".

Page 6, lines 16 and 17, strike "COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER" andsubstitute "PERSON".

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