

SB157_L.002

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

SB18-157 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 8, strike "almost 280,000" and substitute
2 "more than 300,000".
- 3 Page 2, strike lines 10 through 12 and substitute:
4 "(c) With half of the post 9/11 cohort of women veterans being
5 thirty-four years of age or younger, women veterans are younger, more
6 racially diverse, more likely to be divorced, widowed, or separated, live
7 in poverty, and use food stamps, and more likely to have less income
8 compared to men in the post 9/11 veteran population, and with this young
9 cohort of women veterans comes a shift in the essential requirements for
10 the health and welfare of this population."
- 11 Page 2, strike lines 14 through 27.
- 12 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 3 and substitute:
13 "(a) Historically, women veterans faced legal and cultural barriers
14 to full integration into the military and access to services and benefits;
15 (b) The federal government has taken some steps to ensure that
16 members of the federal department of veteran's affairs and the department
17 of defense exemplify a culture that embraces its military women and
18 veterans;
19 (c) Recent reports from federal agencies indicate that the growing
20 population of women veterans will require support from the states they
21 live in to gain consistent access to a full range of gender-sensitive
22 benefits and services; and
23 (d) Resources for implementing and evaluating programs that
24 address this culture and gap in ensuring the health and welfare of women
25 veterans in Colorado are needed."
- 26 Page 3, strike line 7 and substitute:
27 "(b) Nearly ten percent of the state's adult population are veterans,
28 and Colorado ranks as the seventh highest state for the percentage of
29 veterans who are women;
30 (c) Nearly 45,000 women veterans reside in Colorado;
31 (d) The number of women veterans in Colorado is projected to
32 grow to over 50,000 in the next twenty years; and".
- 33 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

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