

SB 296-CORREA-HUESO

INCREASE IN LOCAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

SB 296 seeks raise the state’s local assistance appropriation for County Veterans Service Officers by \$5 million. This would result in a total local assistance amount of \$7.6 million. SB 296 will also make available an additional \$1.4 million for competitive grants that the California Department of Veterans Affairs can award to Veterans Service Organizations, such as the American Legion, for outreach and claims assistance.

SB 296 passed out of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee unanimously. The bill will next go to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 296 is authored by Senators Lou Correa (D-Santa Ana) and Ben Hueso (D-San Diego).

As of April 24, the following legislators have joined onto the bill as co-authors:

Senators:

Joel Anderson
Tom Berryhill
Marty Block
Steve Knight
Ted Lieu
Jim Nielson

Assemblymembers:

Toni Atkins (Principal Co-Author)
Rocky Chavez (Principal Co-Author)
Al Muratsuchi (Principal Co-Author)
Cheryl Brown
Roger Dickinson
Brian Maienschein
Richard Pan
Henry T. Perea

The following organizations have officially registered support for the bill:

California Association of County Veterans Service Officers - SPONSOR
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
American Legion, Department of California
AMVETS, Department of California
California Mental Health Directors Association
California State Commanders Veterans Council
Jewish War Veterans, Department of California
Military Officers Association of America, California Council of Chapters
Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of California
Reserve Officers Association, Department of California
Sacramento Veterans Resource Center
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California
Vietnam Veterans of America, California State Council
Vietnam Veterans of California

The following counties have officially registered support for the bill:

Lassen	Sacramento	Shasta
Los Angeles	San Bernardino	Solano
Kings	San Diego	Tulare
Madera	San Joaquin	
Placer	San Luis Obispo	