## HB 121

The North Dakota Veterans Legislative Council stands in strong support of this legislation.

The Census Bureau's Community Survey in 2016 estimates the states veteran's population at 46,507 or about 8%. This percentage has steadily declined from just over 15% in 1980. This shift is due likely due to two factors: the larger cohorts of WWII and Korean veterans have been passing in greater numbers. Since 2005 we have lost estimated 5000+ of these veterans.

In 2016 the Census estimated 18,616 veterans served in the recent Gulf Wars while an estimated 22,461 served in WWII, Korean and Vietnam.