

Supporting Iowa's Military Families

In an effort to support military families, the House Veterans Affairs Committee approved a measure this week to provide unemployment insurance benefits for the spouse of military personnel forced to leave their job due to a military reassignment or a spouse called to active duty.

House Study Bill 538 intends to support middle class military families who need extra assistance while a military family member is away or in transition. The benefits will be paid out of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.

Currently, at least 17 other states provide unemployment insurance benefits to spouses of military personnel who left employment, due to no fault of their own, and relocated because of a military assignment in another area.

The bill will next be considered by the full Iowa House.