

# Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

*Ben Mickens 271-1403*

**HB 1101**, relative to the membership and governance of the state veterans council.

**Hearing Date:** February 18, 2026

**Time Opened:** 9:20 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:26 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Reardon, Pearl, McGough and Gannon

**Members of the Committee Absent :** Senator Altschiller

**Bill Analysis:** This bill makes changes to reflect the consolidation and organization of veterans services under the department of military affairs and veteran services and changes the total number of members of the state veterans council to 5.

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This bill is a request of the department of military affairs and veterans services.

**Sponsors:**

Rep. Creighton

Rep. T. Dolan

Rep. Gagne

Rep. Harvey-Bolia

Rep. Moffett

Rep. M. Murray

Rep. Roy

Sen. Fenton

Sen. McGough

Sen. Pearl

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**Who supports the bill:** Senator Hoawrd Pearl, Senator Donovan Fenton, Representative James Creighton, Nicole Bixler (Deputy Adjunct General, DMAVS)

**Who opposes the bill:** No one.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** No one.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Representative Jim Creighton**

- Representative Creighton explained that the purpose of this bill is to expand the veteran's council from 4 to 5 members.
- Representative Creighton stated that this is necessary to avoid any ties.

**Senator Pearl** asked about the 5<sup>th</sup> member being a family member of a veteran or a veteran

**Representative Creighton** explained that the proposed member would be a veteran.

**Nicole Bixler of the Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services**

- Ms. Bixler explained that this bill will directly support a bill currently moving through the New Hampshire House of Representatives.
- Ms. Bixler stated that the veteran's council will be administering an upcoming program that will create a license plate to honor veterans.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None.

**Neutral Information Presented:** None.

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