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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 52

Chairperson: Bill Avery
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: January 22, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

County veterans service officers are currently required to have served in the armed forces of the United States during the dates set forth in section 80-401.01. LB 52 extends eligibility of this office to qualified veterans by removing the requirements of service during these specified wartime dates. No changes have been made to the additional qualifications for county veterans service officers, which require active duty in the armed forces of the United States, an honorable discharge from service, and at least a five year residency in the state of Nebraska.

Qualified veterans should not be excluded from holding the position of county veterans service officer on the basis of dates of service in the armed forces, which differentiates between wartime and peacetime service dates. Extending the qualifications of county veterans service officers will assist counties in finding eligible veterans to hold this important office that provides assistance to our veterans.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Deb Fischer