

My Testimony on H-5129 (not in favor)

Good afternoon Chairman Azzinaro and members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

My name is John P Gallo and I am here to testify against House bill H-5129 as written.

I am testifying as the current Chairman of the United Veterans Council Legislation Committee and current President of the United Veterans Council of Rhode Island.

While the concept of a Municipal Veterans Service Office in each municipality is great, the one hundred thousand dollar is not enough to subsidize the 62,000 veterans in all municipalities.

The information that the MVSO must know is astronomical if they are to advise veterans on what their benefits are.

Some municipalities have more veterans and benefits for veterans than others.

The per veteran expenditure is \$1.61 dollars, \$100,000 dollars divided by 62,000 veterans equals \$1.6129 dollars. Not enough money in our opinion.

Thank You,

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