

MINUTES  
**HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW05

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Wisniewski, Representatives Weber, McCann, Beiswenger, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, Tanner(13), Bingham, Egbert, Haws

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Vice Chair Wisniewski and Rep. Cayler

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Holtzclaw** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve minutes from March 9, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1286:** **Rep. Hill** presented **S 1286**, legislation adding to existing law to establish provisions regarding consumer protection of veterans benefits. It specifically protects veterans from deceptive practices while preserving their right to chose how they seek assistance and sets uniform definitions, disclosure requirements, and conduct standards.

Testimony **in support** of **S 1286** was provided by **Honorable Peter O'Rourke**, President of the National Association for Veterans Rights and former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs; **Daniel Murphy**; and **John Blomstrom**, Veterans Guardian.

Committee question and comment revolved around claims related to mental health; and the arduous process for veteran claims.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to send **S 1286** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Representative Holtzclaw  
Chair

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Michele Coburn  
Secretary