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Senate Passes VanderMeer Veterans Talent Attraction Bill

Madison – On Tuesday, the State Senate passed [Assembly Bill 888](#), related to talent attraction and retention initiatives focusing on veterans. The bill, authored by Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah), previously was passed by the State Assembly in mid-February. It will now will be sent to Governor Evers for approval.

Assembly Bill 888 directs the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to expend \$10 million of existing federal funds the state currently has, to develop and implement talent attraction and retention initiatives focused specifically on veterans.

“At the state level, we need to be focused on doing whatever we can to help job producers throughout the state address critical workforce shortages. I’m hopeful that the governor will sign this bill. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) exists to help move initiatives like this forward and help us foster an economy where workers can produce and provide for their families and job providers can not only sustain their organizations, but grow and flourish in our great state,” stated VanderMeer.

The legislation and initiative is supported by the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) and Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC), who have worked on similar initiatives in the recent past on behalf of their members. Both organizations offered testimony in support of the legislation during public hearings on the bill in the State Assembly and State Senate.

Hearing materials on the bill and related documents can be reviewed here:

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/hearing_testimony_and_materials/2021/ab888

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