

HR 1753

To ensure that certain members of the Armed Forces who served in female cultural support teams receive proper credit for such service.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 23, 2023
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Nov 29, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2014	Related bill	Jun 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 23, 2023)

This bill requires the military departments to ensure that certain military service in a female cultural support team is included in an individual's military service record and in the computation of retired pay. Specifically, the bill addresses service of a member of the Armed Forces who served in a female cultural support team (with the personal development skill identifier of R2J or 5DK) from January 1, 2010, through August 31, 2021.

The bill provides that individuals who performed such service (or their survivors) who have previously had a claim for service-connection denied may resubmit a claim for the same condition to be considered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). For purposes of claims for service-connected disability or death, the VA must treat such service as engagement in combat with the enemy in the course of active duty. The VA must determine the effective date of the award by treating the date of the initial claim as the date on which the individual filed the awarded claim.

The VA must also improve training and guidance for employees who may process claims for service-connected disability and death for individuals who served in a female cultural support team.

Finally, the VA must conduct outreach to inform individuals who performed such service (or survivors of such individuals) that they may submit supplemental claims for service-connected disability or death incurred or aggravated in the course of service.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 118-938, Part I.
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Dec 5, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 29, 2023:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 29, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Apr 14, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Mar 23, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.