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(Neb.)-Neb. Bill Would Give Preference To Disabled Vets



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Disabled veterans who live in Nebraska would receive a preference when competing for state contracts, under a bill presented to a legislative committee.

Sen. Charlie Janssen of Fremont, a veteran himself, pitched the proposal Friday to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

The bill would give a competitive edge to resident, disabled veterans who are vying for state contracts against other resident and nonresident bidders. The federal government has enacted similar preferences.

Supporters of the bill say veterans acquire valuable skills in the military, but the service also robs them of time when they could have been working in the private sector or building a business.

The Nebraska Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America opposes the measure.