



Enrolled No. R162-034

RESOLUTION

File No. 18-19/056

- REQUESTING THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO REQUIRE AN AUDIT OF THE VETERANS TRUST FUND, DETAILING THE REVENUE RECEIVED, ALL DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE VETERANS TRUST FUND AND THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT BENEFITS PAID TO VETERANS FOR EACH YEAR SINCE 2014 -

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) paid a significant amount of benefits directly to individual veterans from the Veterans Trust Fund prior to 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Trust Fund was funded primarily by interest income from loans made to Veterans, and the WDVA discontinued the loan programs between 2010 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Veterans Trust Fund has been funded largely by transfers of reserves from King Veterans Home, including nine (9) million dollars in December 2016 and 13 million dollars scheduled in each year of this biennium; and

WHEREAS, direct benefits to the Veterans have been reduced to very small amounts and the detail of these benefits is no longer readily available to the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors request the State Legislature to require an audit of the Veterans Trust Fund, detailing the revenue received by and all disbursements from the Veterans Trust Fund and the amount of direct benefits paid to veterans for each year since 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs the county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators representing Eau Claire County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADOPTED: September 18, 2018

Janet K. Loomis
County Clerk