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Message Points:

- The American Legion supports legislation that would qualify America's veterans for in-state tuition rates at colleges and universities, regardless of their legal residence.
- The American Legion supports federal and state initiatives that build upon and accelerate efforts to put returning veterans to work, using their skills developed in the military. Additionally, the Legion strongly encourages credentialing bodies to give military trained veterans appropriate credit toward civilian licenses and certifications.
- The American Legion supports continued funding for permanent supportive housing through the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development partnership (HUD-VASH), which provides homeless veterans with stable housing and intensive case management services.
- The American Legion recommends the simplification and streamlining of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs) and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSBs) interested in participating in the agency's Veterans First Contracting Program.
- The American Legion supports legislation which would authorize funds to the Small Business Administration (SBA) to reestablish a direct loan program for eligible veterans, National Guard and Reservists, to either establish, purchase or expand a small business.
- The American Legion supports the Department of Veterans Affairs enacting an affirmative action plan to increase the percentage of veterans employed by the agency to 50 percent.