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Comments: According to the Department of Public Safety it cost over \$40,000.00 annually to house an inmate. With that figure it would cost the State over \$200,000.00 to incarcerate one individual for 5 years, were little educational opportunities exist. With treatment and the proper community support an individual can become a productive positive example, contributing to our community after 6 months, the savings speak for themselves. When I came through my homeless experience there was not a Veterans Court just some Veterans who were willing to help. This caused extra stress as I had to search for additional resources that would be available for me to utilize for my recovery. With a Veterans Court we have the resources in one location, Veterans and Community leaders that are willing to give a hand up to a Veteran who is in need of support and direction. My request is that you allow this bill to move forward and be funded so that we can restore our Men and Women who have signed the dotted line and said, "I will die for freedom". Thanks.

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