



HJ0001

**Traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress treatments.**

Sponsored By: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs  
Interim Committee

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to enact legislation and requesting that the Veteran's Administration work to expand and improve efforts to treat traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder.

12/23/2020 Bill Number Assigned  
1/12/2021 H Received for Introduction  
1/12/2021 H Introduced and Referred to H08 - Transportation  
1/27/2021 H08 - Transportation:Recommend Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Baker, Brown, Burkhart, Jr, Burt, Henderson, Macguire, Obermueller, O'hearn, Styvar

**Ayes 9 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

1/27/2021 H Placed on General File  
1/27/2021 H COW:Passed

**HJ0001H2001/ADOPTED**

Page 1-line 7 Delete "commit" and insert "die by". RODRIGUEZ-WILLIAMS

**HJ0001H2002/FAILED**

Page 2-line 22 After "speech therapy" insert ", medical marijuana therapy".

Page 4-line 2 After "therapies" insert ", including medical marijuana therapy,". YIN, BAKER, OLSEN

1/28/2021 H 2nd Reading:Passed  
1/29/2021 H 3rd Reading:Passed 57-3-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Andrew, Baker, Banks, Barlow, Bear, Blackburn, Brown, Burkhart, Burt, Clausen, Clifford, Crago, Duncan, Eklund, Eyre, Flinter, Fortner, Gray, Greear, Hallinan, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Henderson, Hunt, Jennings, Kinner, Knapp, Larsen, L, Laursen, D, Macguire, Martinez, Neiman, Newsome, Nicholas, Oakley, Obermueller, O'hearn, Olsen, Ottman, Paxton, Provenza, Roscoe, Sherwood, Simpson, Sommers, Stith, Styvar, Sweeney, Walters, Washut, Western, Wharff, Williams, Wilson, Winter, Zwonitzer

**Nays:** Representative(s) Connolly, Schwartz, Yin

**Ayes 57 Nays 3 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

1/29/2021 S Received for Introduction  
1/29/2021 S Introduced and Referred to S08 - Transportation  
2/2/2021 S08 - Transportation:Recommend Do Pass 4-0-0-1-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Furphy, Landen, Mckeown, Pappas

**Absent:** Senator Anderson

**Ayes 4 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 1 Conflicts 0**

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2021 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to enact legislation and requesting that the Veteran's Administration work to expand and improve efforts to treat traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder.

WHEREAS, national veteran suicide crises data indicate that as many as twenty-two (22) veterans die by suicide every day; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder can be causes of suicide; and

WHEREAS, data collected from 2000 to 2019 from Department of Defense numbers for Active, Guard and Reserve members in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, indicate that for all severities of traumatic brain injuries, a total of four hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred fifty-eight (413,858) service members suffer from traumatic brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, the number of veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder varies by service era but ranges from about eleven percent (11%) to about thirty percent (30%); and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder both involve physical injury to brain tissue; and

WHEREAS, current standards of care approved for veterans for traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder focus on medication and counseling; and

WHEREAS, additional treatments, vocational counseling and rehabilitation therapies exist that have been clinically proven to mitigate symptoms and improve recovery when used alone or integrated with counseling. Additional therapies to

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treat traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder include physical therapy, occupational therapy, cognitive therapy, speech therapy and hyperbaric oxygen therapy; and

WHEREAS, hyperbaric oxygen therapy couples hyperbaric oxygen chamber treatment, which promotes oxygen for healing and restoring injured brain tissue, together with counseling; and

WHEREAS, access to a variety of treatments improves a veteran's opportunities for healing and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Traumatic Brain Injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment Act (2019 S. 2504/H.R. 4370) will require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to a veteran suffering from traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

**Section 1.** That the Wyoming Legislature requests that Congress swiftly enact legislation providing for veterans' access to treatments for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder that include hyperbaric oxygen therapy, such as the Traumatic Brain Injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment Act and any other legislation improving or authorizing access to other important therapies and counseling and legislation fostering research and development of additional therapies.

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
JOINT RESOLUTION. HJ0001

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2021 GENERAL SESSION

**Section 2.** That the Wyoming Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk

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stress treatments.

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**FISCAL NOTE**

No fiscal or personnel impact.

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(END)

2/2/2021 S Placed on General File

**HJ0001SW001/ADOPTED**

(TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 1-line 6 Delete "indicates" and insert "indicate".  
Page 2-line 1 After "total" insert "of".  
Page 2-line 3 Delete "who".  
Page 4-line 1 Delete "authoring" and insert "authorizing". LANDEN

2/2/2021 S COW:Passed

**HJ0001S2001/FAILED**

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Page 2-line 22 Delete "hyperbaric oxygen".  
Page 2-line 23 Delete "therapy" and insert "other therapies".  
Page 3-lines 2 through 4 Delete entirely.  
Page 3-line 7 Delete "; and" and insert ".".  
Page 3-lines 9 through 13 Delete entirely.  
Page 3-line 21 After "disorder" insert ","; delete "that include hyperbaric oxygen".  
Page 3-line 22 Delete "therapy, such as" and insert "like".  
Page 3-line 23 After "Act" insert ",". SCOTT

2/3/2021 S 2nd Reading:Passed

2/4/2021 S 3rd Reading:Passed 18-12-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Dockstader, Ellis, French, Furphy, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Kolb, Landen, Mckeown, Pappas, Salazar, Schuler, Steinmetz, Wasserburger

**Nays:** Senator(s) Anderson, Baldwin, Case, Cooper, Driskill, James, Kinskey, Kost, Nethercott, Perkins, Rothfuss, Scott

**Ayes** 18    **Nays** 12    **Excused** 0    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/4/2021 H Received for Concurrence

2/5/2021 H Concur:Passed 54-3-3-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Andrew, Baker, Banks, Barlow, Bear, Blackburn, Brown, Burkhart, Burt, Clausen, Crago, Duncan, Eklund, Eyre, Fortner, Gray, Greear, Hallinan, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Henderson, Hunt, Kinner, Knapp, Larsen, L, Laursen, D, Macguire, Martinez, Neiman, Newsome, Nicholas, Oakley, Obermueller, O'hearn, Olsen, Ottman, Paxton, Provenza, Roscoe, Sherwood, Simpson, Sommers, Stith, Styvar, Sweeney, Walters, Washut, Western, Wharff, Williams, Wilson, Winter, Zwonitzer

**Nays:** Representative(s) Connolly, Schwartz, Yin

**Excused:** Representative(s) Clifford, Flinter, Jennings

**Ayes** 54    **Nays** 3    **Excused** 3    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

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2/5/2021 H Speaker Signed HEJR No. 0001  
2/5/2021 S President Signed HEJR No. 0001  
2/9/2021 Governor Signed HEJR No. 0001