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Komo to serve on health care, veterans committees

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State Rep. Sam Komo, D-House Springs, will serve on the House Health Care Policy Committee and the House Veterans Committee during the 2007 legislative session.

The Veterans Committee will handle bills related to veterans' issues, including HB 612 sponsored by Komo. A bipartisan group of 14 other lawmakers is co-sponsoring the bill. The bill expands a scholarship program for the dependents of deceased Vietnam veterans to include surviving veterans who are disabled as a result of the war.

The Health Care Policy Committee looks to play a prominent role this year with legislation to preserve health care services for the poor at the top of the General Assembly's agenda. Under changes to the state's Medicaid program enacted in 2005, the program will cease to exist next year, eliminating health care coverage for more than 900,000 Missourians, unless lawmakers extend it during this legislative session.

"Any changes to the state's health care system must ensure that more, not fewer, Missourians receive coverage and avoid jeopardizing Missouri share of federal funds, which pays for most of the program," Komo said. "I look forward to helping craft a state health care system that meets the needs of Missourians."

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