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A bill to give veterans access to job opportunities was approved Thursday by the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HR 2243, authored by Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, would require the secretary of labor to establish a website with information about the number of veterans employed by federal contractors.

Current law requires contractors to file reports with the Secretary on the number of veterans they hire and employ, but this information is not easily accessible to the public.

"No one is more deserving of jobs that result from federal contracts than the men and women who have served our country," McNerney said in a news release.

The bill is expected to be considered by the full House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.