
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5875

State of Washington

55th Legislature

1997 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Swanson, McCaslin, Haugen, Swecker, Jacobsen, Patterson, Rossi, Brown, Heavey, Finkbeiner, Hochstatter, Fraser, Sheldon, Kline, Loveland, Zarelli, Goings, Anderson, Hargrove, Prentice, Oke, Franklin, Thibaudeau, Winsley, Rasmussen, Kohl and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the legislature; and adding a new chapter to
2 Title 44 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Issues raised during this legislative
5 session have underscored that there is a need to provide properly for
6 those who are currently giving service or have given service to their
7 state and country. Due to proposed substantial federal cuts in
8 programs, veterans, members of the active duty military forces, and
9 members of the national guard and reserve components in Washington
10 state, must have consideration given to their unique concerns and the
11 programs designed for their assistance.

12 (2) To this end, there is created a joint select committee on
13 veterans and military personnel affairs. The committee consists of
14 four members, one from each caucus of the senate, appointed by the
15 president of the senate, and one from each caucus of the house of
16 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
17 representatives.

18 (3) The committee shall make an annual report to the legislature,
19 the first report on or before the 1999 legislative session, on the

1 current status of veteran and military personnel affairs in the state
2 of Washington.

3 Further, the committee shall establish an advisory group of all
4 interested parties including, but not limited to, representatives of
5 the department of veterans affairs, the state military department, and
6 the reserve and active military, and have access to and the assistance
7 of legislative staff and employees of state agencies as necessary to
8 perform studies, develop recommendations, and report to the legislature
9 in an ongoing manner concerning issues affecting veterans and military
10 personnel in this state.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act constitutes a new
12 chapter in Title 44 RCW.

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