

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1527

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to recognition of World War II veterans.

Brief Description: Recognizing veterans of World War II.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Benton, Clements, Koster, Dellwo, Campbell, Boldt, Kessler, Wolfe, Mielke, Thompson, Delvin, Carlson, Pelesky, D. Schmidt, Chopp, Van Luven, R. Fisher, Hickel, Sehlin, Costa, Ballasiotes, Pennington, Radcliff, Carrell, Hatfield, Romero, B. Thomas, Beeksma, Cody, Cooke, Dickerson, Conway, Jacobsen, Basich, Hargrove, L. Thomas, Chandler, Kremen, Robertson, Johnson, K. Schmidt, Smith, Dyer, Elliot, Blanton, Goldsmith, Mulliken, Schoesler and Brumsickle).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Appropriations: 3/2/95, 3/3/95 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/9/95, 97-0.

Senate Amended.

House Concurred.

Passed Legislature.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 31 members: Representatives Silver, Chairman; Clements, Vice Chairman; Huff, Vice Chairman; Pelesky, Vice Chairman; Sommers, Ranking Minority Member; Valle, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Beeksma; Brumsickle; Carlson; Chappell; Cooke; Crouse; Dellwo; G. Fisher; Foreman; Grant; Hargrove; Hickel; Jacobsen; Lambert; Lisk; McMorris; Poulsen; Reams; Rust; Sehlin; Sheahan; Talcott; Thibaudeau and Wolfe.

Staff: John Woolley (786-7154).

Background: Chapter 73.40 of RCW establishes two veterans' memorials, one for state residents who died or are missing-in-action in southeast Asia (the Vietnam War Memorial), and one honoring state residents who died or are missing-in-action in the Korean conflict (The Korean War Memorial).

For the Vietnam War memorial, the Secretary of State was to coordinate the design, construction, and placement of the memorial. For the Korean memorial, the director of the Department of Veterans Affairs was to coordinate the design, construction, and placement of the memorial.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Veterans Affairs is to convene an advisory committee to make recommendations to the department on a memorial to the men and women of Washington State who served in World War II.

The amount of \$50,000 is appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of erecting the monument on the state capitol campus.

Appropriation: \$50,000 from the general fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: A memorial is needed to honor World War II veterans. It will be designed with the approval of the State Capitol Committee.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Representative Benton, prime sponsor.