

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1527

As Reported By House Committee On:
Appropriations

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

Brief Description: Recognizing veterans of World War II.

Sponsors: 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].

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, and one honoring state residents who died or are missing-in-action in the Korean conflict.

For the southeast Asia 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 Substitute 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 \$25,000 is appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the purpose of erecting the monument on the state capitol campus. Each dollar expended from the appropriation shall be matched by at least one dollar from non-state sources for the same purpose.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute bill reduces the appropriation from \$100,000 to \$25,000.

Appropriation: \$25,000 from the general fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Substitute 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.