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By Senators Oke, Bauer, Franklin, Haugen and C. Anderson; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs

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1 AN ACT Relating to the veterans affairs advisory committee; and
2 amending RCW 43.60A.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.60A.080 and 1992 c 35 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created a veterans affairs advisory committee
7 which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the
8 director of the department of veterans affairs. The committee shall be
9 composed of seventeen members to be appointed by the governor, and
10 shall consist of the following:

11 (a) One representative of the Washington soldiers' home and colony
12 at Orting and one representative of the Washington veterans' home at
13 Retsil. Each home's (~~residents~~) resident council may nominate up to
14 three individuals whose names are to be forwarded by the director to
15 the governor. In making the appointments, the governor shall consider
16 these recommendations or request additional nominations.

17 (b) One representative each from the three congressionally
18 chartered or nationally recognized veterans service organizations as
19 listed in the current "Directory of Veterans Service Organizations"

1 published by the United States department of veterans affairs with the
2 largest number of active members in the state of Washington as
3 determined by the director. The organizations' state commanders may
4 each submit a list of three names to be forwarded to the governor by
5 the director. In making the appointments, the governor shall consider
6 these recommendations or request additional nominations.

7 (c) Ten members shall be chosen to represent those congressionally
8 chartered or nationally recognized veterans service organizations
9 listed in the directory under (b) of this subsection and having at
10 least one active chapter within the state of Washington. Up to three
11 nominations may be forwarded from each organization to the governor by
12 the director. In making the appointments, the governor shall consider
13 these recommendations or request additional nominations.

14 (d) Two members shall be veterans at large. Any individual or
15 organization may nominate a veteran for an at-large position.
16 Organizational affiliation shall not be a prerequisite for nomination
17 or appointment. All nominations for the at-large positions shall be
18 forwarded by the director to the governor.

19 (e) No organization shall have more than one official
20 representative on the committee at any one time.

21 (f) In making appointments to the committee, care shall be taken to
22 ensure that members represent ~~((the))~~ all geographical portions of the
23 state and minority viewpoints, and that the issues and views of concern
24 to women veterans are represented.

25 (2) All members shall have terms of four years. In the case of a
26 vacancy, appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired
27 term for which the vacancy occurs. No member may serve more than two
28 consecutive terms, with vacancy appointments to an unexpired term not
29 considered as a term. Members appointed before June 11, 1992, shall
30 continue to serve until the expiration of their current terms; and
31 then, subject to the conditions contained in this section, are eligible
32 for reappointment.

33 (3) The committee shall adopt an order of business for conducting
34 its meetings.

35 (4) The committee shall have the following powers and duties:

36 (a) To serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the
37 director on matters pertaining to the department of veterans affairs;

1 (b) To acquaint themselves fully with the operations of the
2 department and recommend such changes to the governor and the director
3 as they deem advisable.

4 (5) Members of the committee shall receive no compensation for the
5 performance of their duties but shall receive a per diem allowance and
6 mileage expense according to the provisions of chapter 43.03 RCW.

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