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**SENATE BILL 5562**

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**By** Senators Roach, Gaspard, Kohl, Heavey, Schow, Hargrove, Oke, Snyder, Owen, Deccio, Strannigan, Finkbeiner, Rasmussen, Moyer, Franklin, Johnson, Morton, Wood, Swecker, Long, Winsley, Cantu, Palmer, McDonald, A. Anderson, Sellar and Bauer

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterans' memorials; adding new sections to  
2 chapter 73.40 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that, on the capitol  
5 campus, participants in every major war in which United States armed  
6 forces have been engaged have been honored by the erection of a war  
7 memorial, with the exception of the Second World War. In the year that  
8 marks the fiftieth anniversary of our nation's victorious conclusion of  
9 World War II, the legislature seeks to insure that the efforts of the  
10 men and women who fought and worked so hard to preserve this country  
11 will be remembered with a monument to their bravery and sacrifice.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 73.40 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 The director of the department of veterans affairs shall coordinate  
15 with the capitol campus design advisory committee and the capitol  
16 committee, for the redesign, construction, and rededication of the flag  
17 plaza in the north oval of the legislative building. The necessary  
18 benches, plaques, insignias, and messages will be incorporated into low

1 structures around and on the flag plaza in such a way as to create a  
2 memorial to those Washington state residents who served or died in  
3 World War II.

4 The memorial shall be designed to compliment the flag plaza and  
5 ensure continued access and display of the territorial time capsule  
6 buried in the sidewalk. The capitol campus design advisory committee,  
7 and the state capitol committee will approve the final flag plaza  
8 design. It is the intent of the legislature that this memorial be a  
9 fitting tribute to those who served during World War II while at the  
10 same time enhancing the capitol grounds, the legislative building, and  
11 the temple of justice.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 73.40 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 The director of the department of veterans affairs or the  
15 director's designee shall chair an advisory committee composed of five  
16 members to include the director of the department of veterans affairs  
17 or the director's designee, the secretary of state or the secretary's  
18 designee, the director of the department of general administration or  
19 the director's designee, and two members who are representatives of  
20 state veterans organizations and who served in World War II, one member  
21 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one  
22 member appointed by the president of the senate. This committee shall  
23 coordinate the redesign of the flag plaza, and the placement of  
24 plaques, symbols, inscriptions, and statuary and other items  
25 commemorating the war effort. The committee shall conduct a private  
26 fund-raising effort to carry out the purposes of this section and  
27 section 2 of this act. The department of veterans affairs is  
28 authorized to act as financial agent managing the collection and  
29 dispersal of these private nonappropriated funds.

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