
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1325

State of Washington

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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Schmidt, Conway, Haigh, Bush, Talcott, Romero, Mielke, Anderson, Rockefeller, Campbell and Wood; by request of Joint Select Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the joint committee on veterans' and military
2 affairs; adding a new section to chapter 73.04 RCW; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 73.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) There is hereby created a joint committee on veterans' and
8 military affairs. The committee shall consist of: (a) Eight members
9 of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, four of whom
10 shall be members of the majority party and four of whom shall be
11 members of the minority party; and (b) eight members of the house of
12 representatives appointed by the speaker, four of whom shall be members
13 of the majority party and four of whom shall be members of the minority
14 party. Members of the committee shall be appointed before the close of
15 the 2001 legislative session, and before the close of each regular
16 session during an odd-numbered year thereafter.

17 (2) Each member's term of office shall run from the close of the
18 session in which he or she was appointed until the close of the next
19 regular session held in an odd-numbered year. If a successor is not

1 appointed during a session, the member's term shall continue until the
2 member is reappointed or a successor is appointed. The term of office
3 for a committee member who does not continue as a member of the senate
4 or house of representatives shall cease upon the convening of the next
5 session of the legislature during an odd-numbered year after the
6 member's appointment, or upon the member's resignation, whichever is
7 earlier. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by appointment in
8 the same manner as described in subsection (1) of this section. All
9 such vacancies shall be filled from the same political party and from
10 the same house as the member whose seat was vacated.

11 (3) The committee shall establish an executive committee of four
12 members representing the majority and minority caucuses of each house.
13 The executive committee is responsible for performing all general
14 administrative and personnel duties assigned to it in the rules and
15 procedures adopted by the joint committee, as well as other duties
16 delegated to it by the joint committee.

17 (4) The joint committee on veterans' and military affairs has the
18 following powers and duties:

19 (a) To study veterans' issues, active military forces issues, and
20 national guard and reserve component issues, and make recommendations
21 to the legislature; and

22 (b) To study structure and administration of the department of
23 veterans affairs and the military department, and make recommendations
24 to the legislature.

25 (5) The joint committee shall adopt rules and procedures for its
26 orderly operation. The joint committee may create subcommittees to
27 perform duties under this section.

28 (6) This section expires December 31, 2005.

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