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1 AN ACT Relating to a military facilities task force; and adding a
2 new chapter to Title 38 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that placing a high
5 priority on the continuation of military activities at the military
6 bases located in our state is in the best interest of the state and the
7 United States. In order to avoid the closing of these bases, the
8 privatization of the infrastructure of these bases should be
9 facilitated. This effort will require the combined efforts of the
10 state and local governments and the private sector working in
11 partnership with the United States military. Therefore, the military
12 facilities task force is hereby created. The task force's primary goal
13 is to create the legislative framework required best to facilitate the
14 privatization of that infrastructure chosen to be desirable for that
15 treatment by the task force.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The purpose of the military facilities task
17 force is to coordinate statewide efforts to ensure all military
18 facilities in Washington retain their premier status with respect to

1 their national defense missions. The task force shall inform the
2 governor and the legislature on matters affecting the operational
3 viability of military facilities within Washington through (1)
4 understanding the mission of each military facility in this state; (2)
5 examining the integral role of Washington facilities within the
6 national defense structure; (3) identifying any obstacles to the
7 mission of each facility according to criteria used by its respective
8 branch of service; (4) examining any law, ordinance, requirement, rule,
9 or regulation that impacts each facility's mission; (5) evaluating any
10 locally developed proposals intended to mitigate the impact of military
11 facilities on surrounding areas or the impact of nonmilitary activities
12 in surrounding areas on the mission of military facilities; and (6)
13 studying the economic impacts of the facilities on the Washington
14 economy. The task force shall make recommendations to the governor and
15 the legislature regarding actions needed to ensure the viability of
16 military facilities, including (a) expenditures appropriate to ensure
17 the proper functioning and continued operation of military facilities
18 within the state; (b) required changes to state law, local ordinances,
19 local zoning requirements, or any other state or local requirement,
20 rule, or regulation in order to encourage the continued operation of
21 military facilities within the state; and (c) any required actions to
22 be taken by the state at the federal level in support of military
23 facilities within the state.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The military facilities task force
25 committee shall have the following membership:

26 (a) The executive committee of the joint committee on veterans' and
27 military affairs;

28 (b) Representatives of each county and city containing a major
29 military facility to be appointed by resolution of the legislative
30 authorities of these counties and cities;

31 (c) Two members who are nonelected community leaders, appointed by
32 the governor; and

33 (d) The military authorities of each military base in the state
34 shall be invited to participate in the task force.

35 (2) The governor or his or her designee shall serve as chair of the
36 task force and provide staff support.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The task force shall meet as soon as
2 possible after its membership is appointed. It shall have the
3 authority to invite participation of any experts it deems appropriate.
4 It shall continue until such time as the consensus of its membership is
5 to dissolve.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
7 a new chapter in Title 38 RCW.

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