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HOUSE BILL 1325

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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; and adding a new section to chapter 73.04 RCW.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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