RCW 43.60A.010 Definitions. As used in this chapter the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Committee" means the veterans affairs advisory committee.

(2) "Department" means the department of veterans affairs.

(3) "Director" means the director of the department of veterans affairs.

(4) "Goods and services" includes professional services and all other goods and services.

(5) "Procurement" means the purchase, lease, or rental of any goods or services.

(6) "State agency" includes the state of Washington and all agencies, departments, offices, divisions, boards, commissions, and correctional and other types of institutions.

(7) "Veteran-owned business" means a business that is certified by the department to be at least fifty-one percent owned and controlled by:

(a) A veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.007; or

(b) An active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard, coast guard, and armed forces reserves. [2010 1st sp.s. c $7 \$ 117; 2010 c $5 \$ 2; 2006 c 343 § 2; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 115 § 1.]

Reviser's note: (1) The definitions in this section have been alphabetized pursuant to RCW 1.08.015(2)(k).

(2) This section was amended by 2010 c 5 § 2 and by 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 § 117, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section under RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Effective date—2010 1st sp.s. c 26; 2010 1st sp.s. c 7: See note following RCW 43.03.027.

Purpose—2010 c 5: "The legislature recognizes the unique sacrifices made by veterans and the substantial challenges that returning veterans face after a period of military duty away from home. The legislature further recognizes that veterans who own private businesses may face particular hardships as a direct result of their military service. The purpose of this act is to mitigate economic damage to veteran-owned businesses as a result of military service, and to provide opportunities to them in recognition of the outstanding service they have given to their country." [2010 c 5 § 1.]

Construction—2010 c 5: "This act is not intended to create a cause of action or entitlement in an individual or class of individuals." [2010 c 5 § 12.]

Findings-2006 c 343: See note following RCW 43.60A.160.