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1 AN ACT Relating to military dependent communities; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.06 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 military base
5 closures and defense procurement contract cancellations may have
6 extreme economic impacts on communities and firms. The legislature
7 began to address this concern in 1990 by establishing the community
8 diversification program in the department of community development.
9 While this program has helped military dependent communities begin the
10 long road to diversification, base closures or major procurement
11 contract reductions in the near future will find these communities
12 unable to respond adequately, endangering the health, safety, and
13 welfare of the community. The legislature intends to target emergency
14 state assistance to military dependent communities significantly
15 impacted by a reduction of defense spending. The emergency state
16 assistance and the long-term strategy should be driven by the impacted
17 community and consistent with the state plan for diversification
18 required under RCW 43.63A.450(4).

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The governor may, by executive order, declare a community to be
4 a "military impacted area." A "military impacted area" means a
5 community or communities, as identified in the executive order, that
6 experience serious social and economic hardships because of a
7 significant reduction in defense spending by the federal government in
8 that community or communities.

9 (2) If the governor executes an order under subsection (1) of this
10 section, the governor shall establish a response team to coordinate
11 state efforts to assist the military impacted community. The response
12 team may include, but not be limited to, one member from each of the
13 following agencies: (a) The department of community development; (b)
14 the department of trade and economic development; (c) the department of
15 social and health services; (d) the employment security department; (e)
16 the state board for community and technical colleges; (f) the higher
17 education coordinating board; (g) the department of transportation; and
18 (h) the Washington energy office. The governor may appoint a response
19 team coordinator. The governor shall seek to actively involve the
20 impacted community or communities in planning and implementing a
21 response to the crisis. The governor may seek input or assistance from
22 the community diversification advisory committee, and the governor may
23 establish task forces in the community or communities to assist in the
24 coordination and delivery of services to the local community. The
25 state and community response shall consider economic development, human
26 service, and training needs of the community or communities impacted.

27 (3) The governor shall report to the next session of the
28 legislature as to the designation of a military impacted area. The
29 report shall include recommendations regarding whether a military
30 impacted area should become eligible for (a) funding provided by the
31 community economic revitalization board, public facilities construction
32 loan revolving account, Washington state development loan fund, basic
33 health plan, the public works assistance account; (b) training for
34 dislocated defense workers; or (c) services for dislocated defense
35 workers.

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