CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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Veterans affairs advisory committee

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JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

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CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5083** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

CLYDE BALLARD

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved April 13, 1995

MARTY BROWN

Secretary

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By Senators Oke, Bauer, Franklin, Haugen and C. Anderson; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the veterans affairs advisory committee; and
- 2 amending RCW 43.60A.080.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 Sec. 1. RCW 43.60A.080 and 1992 c 35 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) There is hereby created a veterans affairs advisory committee 7 which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the 8 director of the department of veterans affairs. The committee shall be
- 9 composed of seventeen members to be appointed by the governor, and
- 10 shall consist of the following:
- 11 (a) One representative of the Washington soldiers' home and colony
- 12 at Orting and one representative of the Washington veterans' home at
- 13 Retsil. Each home's ((residents)) resident council may nominate up to
- 14 three individuals whose names are to be forwarded by the director to
- 15 the governor. In making the appointments, the governor shall consider
- 16 these recommendations or request additional nominations.
- 17 (b) One representative each from the three congressionally
- 18 chartered or nationally recognized veterans service organizations as
- 19 listed in the current "Directory of Veterans Service Organizations"

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- 1 published by the United States department of veterans affairs with the
- 2 largest number of active members in the state of Washington as
- 3 determined by the director. The organizations' state commanders may
- 4 each submit a list of three names to be forwarded to the governor by
- 5 the director. In making the appointments, the governor shall consider
- 6 these recommendations or request additional nominations.
- 7 (c) Ten members shall be chosen to represent those congressionally
- 8 chartered <u>or nationally recognized</u> veterans <u>service</u> organizations
- 9 listed in the directory under (b) of this subsection and having at
- 10 least one active chapter within the state of Washington. Up to three
- 11 nominations may be forwarded from each organization to the governor by
- 12 the director. In making the appointments, the governor shall consider
- 13 these recommendations or request additional nominations.
- 14 (d) Two members shall be veterans at large. Any individual or
- 15 organization may nominate a veteran for an at-large position.
- 16 Organizational affiliation shall not be a prerequisite for nomination
- 17 or appointment. All nominations for the at-large positions shall be
- 18 forwarded by the director to the governor.
- 19 (e) No organization shall have more than one official
- 20 representative on the committee at any one time.
- 21 (f) In making appointments to the committee, care shall be taken to
- 22 ensure that members represent ((the)) all geographical portions of the
- 23 state and minority viewpoints, and that the issues and views of concern
- 24 to women veterans are represented.
- 25 (2) All members shall have terms of four years. In the case of a
- 26 vacancy, appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired
- 27 term for which the vacancy occurs. No member may serve more than two
- 28 consecutive terms, with vacancy appointments to an unexpired term not
- 29 considered as a term. Members appointed before June 11, 1992, shall
- 30 continue to serve until the expiration of their current terms; and
- 31 then, subject to the conditions contained in this section, are eligible
- 32 for reappointment.
- 33 (3) The committee shall adopt an order of business for conducting
- 34 its meetings.
- 35 (4) The committee shall have the following powers and duties:
- 36 (a) To serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the
- 37 director on matters pertaining to the department of veterans affairs;

- 1 (b) To acquaint themselves fully with the operations of the 2 department and recommend such changes to the governor and the director 3 as they deem advisable.
- 4 (5) Members of the committee shall receive no compensation for the 5 performance of their duties but shall receive a per diem allowance and 6 mileage expense according to the provisions of chapter 43.03 RCW.

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