

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2227

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EASTERN WASHINGTON VETERANS' HOME

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Yeas 89 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP
**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

CLYDE BALLARD
**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate June 8, 2001
Yeas 42 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved June 15, 2001

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2227** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Ahern, Gombosky, Schoesler, Wood, Benson, Haigh, Schindler, Conway, Cox, Reardon, D. Schmidt, Talcott, Campbell and Bush; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs)

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the eastern Washington veterans'
2 home; amending RCW 72.36.035, 72.36.045, 72.36.055, 72.36.060,
3 43.60A.075, and 72.36.090; adding a new section to chapter 72.36 RCW;
4 and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of veterans affairs indicates
7 that it may acquire and staff an existing one-hundred-bed skilled
8 nursing facility in Spokane and reopen it as an eastern Washington
9 veterans' home by using a combination of funding sources. Funding
10 sources include federal per diem payments, contributions from
11 residents' incomes, and federal and state medicaid payments. In
12 authorizing the establishment of an eastern Washington veterans' home,
13 it is the intent of the legislature that the state general fund shall
14 not provide support in future biennia for the eastern Washington
15 veterans' home except for amounts required to pay the state share of
16 medicaid costs.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 72.36.035 and 1993 sp.s. c 3 s 6 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

1 For purposes of this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates
2 otherwise:

3 (1) "Actual bona fide residents of this state" means persons who
4 have a domicile in the state of Washington immediately prior to
5 application for admission to a state veterans' home.

6 (2) "Department" means the Washington state department of veterans
7 affairs.

8 (3) "Domicile" means a person's true, fixed, and permanent home and
9 place of habitation, and shall be the place where the person intends to
10 remain, and to which the person expects to return when the person
11 leaves without intending to establish a new domicile elsewhere.

12 (4) "State veterans' homes" means ~~((either))~~ the Washington
13 soldiers' home and colony in Orting, ~~((or))~~ the Washington veterans'
14 home in Retsil, ~~((or both))~~ and the eastern Washington veterans' home.

15 (5) "Veteran" has the same meaning established in RCW 41.04.005.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 72.36.045 and 1977 ex.s. c 186 s 10 are each amended
17 to read as follows:

18 In the maintenance of the ~~((Washington soldiers' home and colony
19 and the Washington))~~ state veterans' homes by the state through the
20 department of veterans' affairs, such maintenance shall include, but
21 not be limited to, the provision of members' room and board, medical
22 and dental care, physical and occupational therapy, and recreational
23 activities, with the necessary implementing transportation, equipment,
24 and personnel therefor.

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 72.36.055 and 1977 ex.s. c 186 s 6 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 The ~~((soldiers' home and colony at Orting and the Washington))~~
28 state veterans' homes ~~((at Retsil))~~ shall provide both domiciliary and
29 nursing care. The level of domiciliary members shall remain consistent
30 with the facilities available to accommodate those members: PROVIDED,
31 That nothing in this section shall preclude the department from moving
32 residents between nursing and domiciliary care in order to better
33 utilize facilities and maintain the appropriate care for the members.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 72.36.060 and 1977 ex.s. c 186 s 3 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

1 The state treasurer is authorized to receive any and all moneys
2 appropriated or paid by the United States under the act of congress
3 entitled "An Act to provide aid to state or territorial homes for
4 disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States," approved August
5 27, 1888, or under any other act or acts of congress for the benefit of
6 such homes. Such moneys shall be deposited in the general fund and
7 shall be expended for the maintenance of the ((soldiers' home and))
8 state veterans' homes.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 72.36 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 There shall be established and maintained in this state a branch of
12 the state soldiers' home, under the name of the "eastern Washington
13 veterans' home," which branch shall be a home for veterans and their
14 spouses who meet admission requirements contained in RCW 72.36.030.

15 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.60A.075 and 1977 c 31 s 5 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 The director of the department of veterans affairs shall have full
18 power to manage and govern the state soldiers' home and colony ((and)),
19 the Washington veterans' home, and the eastern Washington veterans'
20 home.

21 **Sec. 8.** RCW 72.36.090 and 1977 ex.s. c 186 s 9 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 The superintendents of the state ((soldiers' home and colony and
24 the state)) veterans' homes are hereby authorized to:

25 (1) Institute programs of hobby promotion designed to improve the
26 general welfare and mental condition of the persons under their
27 supervision;

28 (2) Provide for the financing of these programs by grants from
29 funds in the superintendent's custody through operation of canteens and
30 exchanges at such institutions;

31 (3) Limit the hobbies sponsored to projects which will, in their
32 judgment, be self-liquidating or self-sustaining.

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