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By Senators Schmidt, Rasmussen, Brandland, Sheldon, Benson, Shin, Spanel, Kastama, Haugen, Schoesler, Fraser, Morton, Roach, Hewitt, Rockefeller, Franklin, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, Mulliken, Benton and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to the joint committee on veterans' and military
2 affairs; and amending RCW 73.04.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 73.04.150 and 2001 c 268 s 1 are each amended to read
5 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)) 2005 legislative session, and before the close of each
15 regular 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~~),
12 two of whom are members of the senate and two of whom are members of
13 the house of representatives. The executive committee shall appoint
14 one cochair from the two executive committee members who are senators
15 and one cochair from the two executive committee members who are
16 representatives. The two cochairs shall be from different political
17 parties and their terms of office shall run from the close of the
18 session in which they are appointed until the close of the next regular
19 session in an odd-numbered year. The executive committee is
20 responsible for performing all general administrative and personnel
21 duties assigned to it in the rules and procedures adopted by the joint
22 committee, as well as other duties delegated to it by the joint
23 committee.

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

26 (a) To study veterans' issues, active military forces issues, and
27 national guard and reserve component issues, and make recommendations
28 to the legislature; and

29 (b) To study structure and administration of the department of
30 veterans affairs and the military department, and make recommendations
31 to the legislature.

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

35 (~~(6) This section expires December 31, 2005.~~)

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