

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1261**

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VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS--EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/24/05

Passed by the House February 25, 2005  
Yeas 95 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 14, 2005  
Yeas 43 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 22, 2005.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1261** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
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By Representatives Morrell, Haigh, Wallace, Campbell, O'Brien, McCoy, Moeller, Kenney, Hasegawa, Green, Lantz, Flannigan, Williams, Dunshee, B. Sullivan, Kilmer and Strow

Read first time . Referred to .

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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