

HB 1189-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares an intent for each county to establish a veterans' advisory board responsible for advising the county legislative authority on needed and appropriate assistance programs for local indigent veterans and their families. Recognizing the valuable insight and perspectives that veterans offer, it is the intent of the legislature that each board be comprised entirely of veterans.

Recognizes that counties respond to the needs of indigent veterans and family members in the manner most appropriate to the needs and resources of the county. The legislature intends for the provisions of this act to facilitate the effective use of assistance funds through efficient model programs that benefit veterans and family members experiencing financial hardships.

Declares it is the policy of the state of Washington that bias shall not play a role in the distribution of the veterans' assistance fund.

Requires the legislative authority for each county to establish a veterans' advisory board to advise the county legislative authority on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and potential programs that could serve the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

Repeals RCW 73.08.030, 73.08.040, and 73.08.050.