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## SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5242

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Hewitt, Haugen, Kastama, Fairley, Shin, Kline, Clements, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Tom, Brandland, Murray, Roach, Spanel, Kauffman, Rockefeller, Regala, Jacobsen, McAuliffe, Berkey, Carrell, Sheldon, Kilmer, Rasmussen, Holmquist and Honeyford)

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- AN ACT Relating to an internship program for wounded combat
- 2 veterans; and adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW to read as follows:
- Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the department shall establish an internship program
- 8 for returning wounded combat veterans. The purpose of the program is
- 9 to assist returning wounded combat veterans by matching them with jobs
- 10 within the department that require their military skill sets and would
- 11 be of benefit to the department, or that would teach them new skills.
- 12 The jobs may include, but are not limited to, the following
- 13 classifications: Engineering; construction trades; logistics; and
- 14 project planning. The emphasis of the program should be to assist
- veterans who served in southern or central Asia, Operation Enduring Freedom; and the Persian Gulf, Operation Iraqi Freedom. This program
- 17 may assist with the placement of wounded combat veterans as apprentices
- 18 under RCW 39.04.320. The department may adopt rules under chapter

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- 1 34.05 RCW to implement the requirements of this section. For the
- 2 purposes of this section, "veteran" has the same meaning as in RCW
- 3 41.04.005.

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