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By Representatives Morrell, Dammeier, Kelley, Angel, Rolfes, Johnson, Smith, Ross, Conway, Hope, Hunt, Armstrong, Moeller, Herrera, Parker, Rodne, Haler, Short, Chase, Appleton, Green, Nelson, Sullivan, Sells, Dickerson, Newhouse, Kenney, Campbell, Kristiansen, VanDeWege, Orwall, Kessler, Seaquist, Wallace, Simpson, Bailey, Maxwell, McCune, Condotta, and Upthegrove; by request of Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving veterans' access to services; and
2 creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of veterans affairs shall
5 study efficient ways to increase the department's access to veterans,
6 and to increase veterans' access to the state and federal assistance
7 programs for which they may be eligible. By December 1, 2009, the
8 department shall submit a report to the legislature with
9 recommendations. The report shall address:

10 (1) How the department can achieve a goal of identifying all
11 veterans in the state within five years;

12 (2) How the department can efficiently identify veterans as their
13 population in the state continues to grow;

14 (3) How the department can identify veterans through referrals from
15 other state agencies that currently provide services to veterans;

16 (4) How the department can effectively inform veterans of the state
17 and federal programs for which they may be eligible;

18 (5) The potential costs and savings to the state that would result
19 if the department's recommendations were undertaken; and

1 (6) What legislation would be needed, if any, to undertake the
2 department's recommendations.

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