

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5035

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VETERANS--ACCESS TO SERVICES--STUDY

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/26/09

Passed by the Senate March 12, 2009
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 30, 2009
YEAS 97 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved April 8, 2009, 3:23 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5035** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

FILED

April 9, 2009

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Swecker, Marr, Roach, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Hatfield, McAuliffe, and Haugen; by request of Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs)

READ FIRST TIME 01/22/09.

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 January 1, 2010, 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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